Arafat's Missteps Drive PLO Toward Collapse

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO - Yasser Arafat, the man who has led the Palestine Liberation Organization since the 1960s, is facing a tide of defections and criticism, including calls for his resignation. All this has cast doubt on the PLO's ability to conduct

credible peace talks with Israel. The revolt, which grew over the last weekend to unprecedented levels of anger and frustration, reflects a deep political and financial crisis shared by millions of Palestinians and a growing

disarray within the ranks of the PLO. Leading Palestinian figures are accusing Mr. Arafat of making too many concessions too fast to Israel in the peace talks without consulting the myriad political wings in the Palestinian movement he has led almost on his own.

Many charge him with financial mismanagement of billions

of dollars that the PLO collected from Palestinians and Arab

The uplicaval has brought the PLO to a crossroads, fracturing its claim to represent the national aspirations of the 2 million living inside the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza as well an estimated 3 million scattered around the world. The anger is fanned by a financial squeeze that has diminished the PLO's clout among its followers. Arab countries have cut off bundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies for more

than two years now to protest the PLO's support of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. This has pushed the once wealthy organization to the brink

A severe lack of funds is destroying the PLO's other role as a huge social welfare agency, employing tens of thousands of people in scores of countries, caring for schools, offices, hospitals and a host of social organizations and services.

Salaries of thousands of PLO officials have not been paid for months. Families of fighters, refugees and victims of the five-year-long uprising against Israeli occupation have demonstrat-ed in protest over delayed compensations.

"The perception of the people is that the leadership is giving ns, so where's the reward?" said Safik Hout, a senior figure who said he was suspending his membership in the 18-

member Executive Committee of the PLO, the group's highest executive body. "If you ask any Palestinian in the occupied territories or outside he will tell you that."

Faisal Husseimi, the leading coordinator of the Palestinian negotiating team in the peace talks, told Palestinians in a public neeting Saturday in Hebron: "We are facing a total national collapse of all our institutions. The only solution in these circumstances is to form a national salvation government.

Indeed, one of the hallmarks of the disarray is the degree to which the once inviolable status of the movement's leader, the 65-year-old Mr. Arafat, has become the subject of derision among Palestinians as he is accused of improprieties ranging from solitary decision-making style to mismanagement. In the last few weeks, several leading PLO figures have

resigned or have threatened to do so. On Sunday, Mahmoud Darwish, widely viewed as one of the best poets in the Arab world and possibly the most charismatic Palestinian member of the Executive Committee, resigned his

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ats, Hisham Shawi, left, and to overthrow President Sado Hamed Jubouri, announcing Tuesday in London that they had defected and would work a "reign of terror and misery" and said the time had come to oppose it openly. Page 2.

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For Japanese and Germans, Grim Economic News

Yen Hits Exporters As Indicators Slide

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — The economic news out of Japan
on Tuesday was uniformly bad, reflecting the
drag of the highly valued yen on an exportoriented economy.

While the Economic Planning Agency was reporting a slide in its index of leading econom-ic indicators, three big exporters reported sharp drops in profits.

The high yen and cool summer weather have both taken a toll," said Akio Ishida, general manager of research for Yasuda Trust & Banking Ltd. Cool weather has dampened sales of such summer goods as air conditioners, beer and light clothing.

The biggest disappointment was the announcement of Japan's economic leading indicators, which predict the health of the economy

over the coming half year. The government said the index was just 36.4 in June, far below the level of 50, which divides contracting from

index was below 50, after a revised 41.7 in May. Cool weather is expected to keep the index depressed for July.

The Bank of Japan said that because of

sluggish consumer spending and capital investment, it did not see the economy recovering. The high value of the yen is to blame for much of Japan's economic troubles. On Tuesday, earnings at three big exporters illustrated

 Honda Motor Co. said its pretax profit fell to 15.33 billion yen (\$147.9 million) in its first quarter, which ended June 30, down 55.1 percent from the similar period a year earlier, "Although overall sales volume in Asia, excluding Japan, showed a steady increase, a decline in sales of automobiles in Japan, North America and Europe, as well as the strong

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Mercedes Will Cut expanding readings. It was the second month in a row that the 14,000 Jobs in '94

By Brandon Mitchener International Revold Tribune
FRANKFURT — In a harsh new blow to

Germany's hopes of a quick recovery from recession, Mercedes-Benz AG said Tuesday that it would cut 14,000 workers from its Gezman payroll next year and curtail such benefits as holiday bonuses.

The announcements cast doubt on recent statements by German officials that the economy had already hit bottom and followed recent projections of further steep declines in car and truck sales in Europe.

Mercedes said its actions also meant that it was using the country's deepest recession in more than 40 years as a reason for structural changes that should make it stronger in the long term. The measures announced Tuesday will

save Mercedes more than 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$595.6 million), the company said. Trimming management, optimizing costs and conducting a more offensive product policy are our way of saying that Mercedes plans to keep a leading position in international compe-tition," said Helmut Werner, chairman of the

maker of trucks and huxury cars. Most of the cuts are to come from early retirements and attrition, but layoffs among top management and truck production personnel will be unavoidable. Mr. Werner said. In fact, plans call for reducing the automotive manufacturing staff by 6.5 percent, the truck manufacturing staff by 11 percent and manage-

ment's ranks by 30 percent. Previously, Mercedes, a unit of technology and transportation group Daimler-Benz AG, had predicted it would cut no more than 9,000 jobs next year, after already trimming 8,400 in 1993. At the end of 1992, the company employed 222,482 people worldwide, including 170,137 in Germany. The announced cuts

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U.S. Scrambles to Save **Costly Mission to Mars**

Lost in Space, Craft Remains Silent And Frustrated NASA Sorts Options

PASADENA, California — NASA's Mars Observer failed to come to life on Tuesday after computer programs should have guided it into

Controllers anxiously watched computer screens at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for a signal to appear at 2:53 P.M., an hour after the craft was expected to drop into its orbit. No

NASA managers are hoping to salvage the \$1 billion Mars Observer program.

Earlier, NASA officials said they were "not

giving up" on the silent space, raft and hoped backup systems would kick its radio transmis-sions back on. There has been no signal since late Saturday,

after the transmitter was routinely shut down as the probe approached Mars.

The spacecraft was programmed to fire its thrusters automatically and go into orbit even without radio contact, NASA officials said. But without contact, it would have been impossible to determine whether the craft per-formed as planned late Tuesday or continued past the planet.

Contingency plans had been prepared in case the probe did not perform its orbital maneuver and radio contact was re-established later, project leaders said during a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Engineers had planned to send new orders within 36 hours to try to get it into a larger, less scientifically valuable orbit, said Sam Dallas, a program official.

Controllers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory had heard nothing from the Observer since late Saturday, after engineers shut down the transmitter as a safety measure during pressurization of the fuel tanks. The transmitter was supposed to come back on but had remained silent.

NASA officials had speculated that there was a slight chance that the spacecraft had been destroyed by a fuel tank explosion during pres-NASA has lost touch with Observer several

times before but has always re-established links within a few hours, officials said. The spacecraft reached the vicinity of Mars after an 11-month, 450-million-mile (730-million-kilometer) voyage. Engineering studies on the ground suggested

have been responsible for the loss of communications. New commands were radioed to try to switch to a backup clock, but this maneuver apparently failed.

The spacecraft is expected to harvest extensive mapping and geological data, on which future expeditions to the planet, including land-

ings by humans, would be based.

As America's first mission to Mars in 17 years, the craft was to have mapped the planet's surface and examined its geology and meteorology for a full Martian year, or about two Earth years. In addition, the spacecraft was to act as a radio relay for French scientific balloons that are to be released into the Martian atmosphere

by a Russian landing mission in 1996.
Two earlier U.S. missions to Mars have failed. In 1964, the first American effort, Mariner 3, failed shortly after launching, and in 1971, a rocket malfunction doomed Mariner 8 five minutes after liftoff.

In both cases, backup spacecraft carried on. Mariner 4 flew by Mars in 1965 to transmit the first close-up photographs of another planet. In 1971, Mariner 9 became the first craft to orbit the planet, conducting the first photographic mapping of almost the entire Martian surface.

Other American successes were Mariners 6 and 7 in 1969, which flew close by Mars, snap-ping more photographs. Two Viking space-crafts orbited Mars in 1976 and landed biologi-cal laboratories on the surface to look for signs of life. The results of soil tests, most scientists concluded, showed an absence of any microbio-

The Russians have made more efforts and have had more setbacks. Four years ago, the Phobos 1 and 2 spacecrafts malfunctioned in the vicinity of Mars, an erroneous command from ground controllers causing the failure of Phobos 1 and computer trouble knocking out the other. In several previous Russian efforts, the spacecrafts failed in their early flights or suffered communications blackouts near Mars.

In fact, so many Russian spacecraft in the 1960s experienced disabling communications losses as they approached Mars (some American craft have suffered temporary radio lapses) that engineers in their frustration began imagining ceric extra-terrestrial forces.
(UPI, AP, AFP, NYT)

Clinton Ups Somalia Ante, **Sending 400 Elite Troops**

and Dan Williams

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — After a series of attacks on U.S. troops in Somalia, the Clinton adminis-tration is planning to send 400 of its most elite combat soldiers to buttress U.S. forces in the capital city of Mogadishu, according to admin-

The decision to send U.S. Army Rangers appears to herald a new round of military confrontation with General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord who has been held responsible for the attacks on U.S. and multinational troops serving with United Nations peacekeeping forces.

A Pentagon official said the additional roops were being sent to reinforce the 1,200 U.S. combat troops that constitute a "quick reaction force" in the Somali capital.

The U.S. government has made no secret of its desire to get rid of General Aidid, either by killing or capturing him, and several adminis-tration officials said Monday night that the Rangers would play a role in that effort. Rangers are highly trained light infantrymen who specialize in stealthy and unconventional war-

Pentagon officials refused to discuss details of the operation, except to say that the Rangers would begin deploying from bases in the United States within the next several days.
[The White House press secretary, Dee Dee vacation retreat in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, said she had no comment on additional troop deployments. The Associated Press

Administration officials said Mr. Clinton had decided over the weekend to provide the troops in response to a request from the com-mander of UN forces in Somalia, Lieutenant General Cevik Bir of Turkey. The decision constitutes something of a reversal for the ad-ministration, which had hoped to begin pulling out U.S. combat troops from the capital as early as this month.

Violence has increased in Mogadishu in the last several months as General Aidid and his followers have challenged the UN peacekeeping presence. In June, Aidid forces killed 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in an ambush. Earlier this month, four U.S. soldiers died when a mine exploded beneath their vehicle. Six other U.S. soldiers were wounded Sunday in a similar

Administration officials say they fear that if the peacekeepers do not curb General Aidid's power, the capital — and perhaps the country
— will return to the state of anarchy that
existed before their arrival in December. After the deaths of the four U.S. servicem

administration officials said they were speeding up a review of U.S. policy in Somalia, in part to determine when conditions there would permit

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A Town's Ugly Whispers Trail of Funds Paid to Hostel Arsonist May Show German Village Sought Fire

By Stephen Kinzer

BERLIN - Few eyebrows were raised last year when a firebomb destroyed an unoccupied building near Berlin that was scheduled to become a hostel for asylum-seekers. Gangs of rightist youths regularly set such fires in Germany, and the fact that no one was inside the building in the hamlet of Dolgenbrodt before dawn on Nov. 1 kept the episode off the front

This week, however, the people of Dolgen-brodt suddenly find themselves under harsh scrutiny. Prosecutors are investigating reports that they secretly collected money to pay the

Nearly 450,000 asylum-seekers entered Germany last year, more than twice as many as entered all other West European countries combined. Their presence has touched off heated political debate, and gangs of rightist youths have shown their anger by assaulting them and the hostels where they live. The report from Dolgenbrodt, however, is the first to suggest at local citizens joined together to hire a

Manfred Stolpe, premier of the state of Bran-denburg, where Dolgenbrodt is situated, said Tuesday that he had urged state prosecutors "to clarify this matter as soon as possible."

The Brandenburg justice minister, Hans-

Dolgenbrodt is an idyllic settlement tucked between two scenic lakes. It lies in a forested area a few miles south of Berlin's city limits, in what was once East Germany. About 250 people live there, and growing numbers of Berliners have weekend homes in the nearby woods.

Last year, Brandenburg officiels chose a va-cant building in Dolgenbrodt to serve as a temporary home for 86 asylum-seekers. The building had formerly been part of a summer camp, and had been bought by an investor who gave the government permission to use it for six months. At the end of that time, the asylumseekers would have had to move out.

The building was renovated, toilets and bunks were installed, and a steel fence was erected to surround it. Guards were assigned to provide security.

In late October, several dozen Dolgenbrodt residents met in a local tavern to discuss the pending arrival of asylum-seekers. According to press reports, some of them expressed fear that the asylum-seekers would be Gypsies who, having nothing to do in the village, would turn to housebreaking and other crimes.

Several nights later a group of youths on motorcycles, accompanied by a car being driven without lights, drove by the hostel. One

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Kiosk

U.S. Set to Punish China on Missiles

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States is planning to impose sanctions against China for exporting sensitive missile technol-ogy to Pakistan in breach of commitments, an American official said Tuesday.

The sanctions, expected to be announced as early as this week, could kill hundreds of millions of dollars in high-technology trade.
Until now, the U.S. intelligence community had been reported split on how to interpret the evidence on Chinese transfers of M-11 missile technology. But a consensus has

emerged that shipments will let Pakistan assemble the M-11, believed capable of carrying a 500-kilogram (1,100-pound) muclear warkead up to 300 kilometers (185) miles, the official said China has repeatedly denied supplying M-11 technology to Pakistan and insisted that it was adhering to its arms control pledges. Transfers of technology of the type used in

Control Regime, which is aimed at curbing the spread of nuclear-warhead missiles. China did not sign the accord, but it vowed in November 1991 to abide by it. In return, then U.S. Secretary of State James Baker used his authority under the law to waive an earlier round of sanctions.

the M-11 is barred by the Missile Technology

Crossword Books



TEARFUL PARTING — A Bosnian girl weeping as she was kissed by a relative before being evacuated Tuesday from Kosovo. In Mostar, meanwhile, Muslim refugees began receiving their first airdrops of much-needed food. Page 2.

General News

A police inquiry of Michael Jackson was prompted by child abuse allegations from blackmailers, the pop star's aide said. Page 3. America's airlines are leading a revolt of sorts over airport taxes. Salvage workers hit a snag as they raised a U-boat from the seabed off Denmark. Page 2.

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France and Germany did not see eye to eye on solutions to a world trade deadlock. Page 9.

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Socialists Reject **Combat Roles** For Germany

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

BERLIN — Prospects for an eventual alli-ance between Germany's two major political parties appeared to dim on Tuesday as the opposition Social Democrats launched new attacks on Chancellor Helmut Kohl's economic and national security policies.

On one front, the Social Democratic Party leadership announced that it had agreed that German troops must never be permitted to join international combat missions. The policy declaration represented a victory for the party's pacifist faction and seemed to scuttle chances for a compromise solution with Mr. Kohi's government regarding the role of the military.

At the same time, the new Social Democratic At the same time, the new Social Democratic Party leader, Rudolf Scharping, who had met with Mr. Kohl on Monday night, denounced the chancellor's economic policies as "damaging the economic and social unity of Germany."

Mr. Scharping criticized planned cuts in welfare benefits and accused the government of "using German unification and the undeniable problems of financing it as a pretext for unjust. anti-social policies."

Taken together, the two-pronged attack illustrated how difficult it may be to engineer a "grand coalition" of the country's major parties after national elections next year. Political pundits and the German press have

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Iraqi Envoys Defect and Will Fight Saddam

By Eugene Robinson

Washington Past Service
LONDON — Two Iraqi ambassadors defected and sought asylum in Britain on Tuesday, pledging to fight for the downfall of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, and what

they called his "reign of terror and misery." Hamed Jubouri, 61, who retired last week as Iraq's ambassador to Tunisia, and Hisham Shawi, 62, until Monday the Iraqi ambassador to Canada, said they had decided the time had come for open opposition to the

regime.

Mr. Shawi said Mr. Saddam's government had "no other objective but the maintenance feat, disgrace and total ruin.

Mr. Jubouri said that as many as seven upper-echelon Iraqi diplomats had quietly defected from Mr. Saddam's government.

The two diplomats have not yet applied for permanent asylum in Britain. The British government, which seemed to be taken by surprise by the defections, said they had entered the country as visitors and would be allowed to remain for the time being.

According to Reuters, the Iraqi Embassy in Amman reacted by saying that Mr. Ju-bouri and Mr. Shawi left the foreign service last mooth after reaching retirement age.

They have left their positions after the end. of their service," an embassy statement said,

The two ambassadors appeared at a news

conference called by the Iraqi National Con-gress, one of several exile opposition groups knowledged that he had not visited his homeseeking the overthrow of Mr. Saddam.

trous aggression against Kuwait. but bad very existence of Iraq" was threatened. He said that he had entertained the "loggy dream" that after the Gulf War the regime would begin to change, but that the dream destructive wars, the consequences of which would begin to change, but that the dream "was soon dispelled."

"It is the law of the jungle, where whim and avarice have become the law." Mr. once strong and prosperous country.

land in three years. "Political, social and The diplomats were bitterly critical of Mr. cultural institutions are either paralyzed or Saddam describing themselves as patriots abolished, and the state has become a vast who decided there was no longer any point in police network with no other task but to trying to change the system from the inside. ensure the security of the ruling dique and Mr. Shawi said he had opposed the "disas- keep it in power."

Mr. Jubouri said Mr. Saddam's regime stayed at his post because be believed "the "was not satisfied with its continuous terror

it did not anticipate."

"In record time," he said, "it destroyed a

refugees crammed themselves, hollowed-out surfloards and homemade boats and

aircraft. Also oo display was one of the "self-shooting" devices that East German officials installed along the "death strip" separating their country from the West.

directions when sensors detected move-

ment nearby.

Reflecting the range of Mr. Hilde-

brand's interests, the museum is a moun-ment to campaigns around the world, in-cluding Gandhi's marches in India, bus

boycorts by blacks in the U.S. South and

the Polish Solidarity movement.
Grateful for Mr. Hildebrandt's years of

support, leaders of some of these cam-

paigns have donated artifacts and souvenirs. One recent addition is a Russian flag that was carried through the streets of Moscow in August 1991 by citizens pro-

testing the attempt to overthrow President

Since communism collapsed in the Soviet bloc in 1989 and two years later in the Soviet Union itself, people have flocked to the museum and Mr. Hildebrandt's home.

Several thousand paying customers visit the museum every day during the warm months, but the number declines to hun-

dreds in winter. Unlike many other muse-

ums in Germany, it receives very limited government belp. Mr. Hildebrandt is not

cutting back on arts subsidies and could

not increase its support for the Checkpoint

sure it can survive for another year.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The devices were designed to shoot in all

Airdrops Of Food Begin for Mostar

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovi-na -- The U.S. Air Force on Tuesday started the first airdrops offood to Mostar, the Bosnian city threatened with starvation, according to United Nations sources.

The reports came as a UN truck convoy to aid the tens of thousands of Muslims in Mostar was held up by Croats making new demands for

"I am of the opinion that we are being played with," said Lyndall Sachs, a UN spokeswoman in Sarajevo. "The Bosnian Croats are leading us on a merry dance."

Bosuian Croatian gunners

pounded Mostar's Muslim quarter oo Tuesday. Six people had been killed and at least 12 seriously wounded by midafternoon.

Petry Officer Kelly Williamson a spokesman for the relief mission at the air force's Rhein-Main base outside Frankfurt, said earlier that two air force C-130s would drop about 25 tons of meal packets over Moster in its first run, adding that Mostar had been targeted by UN officials as the "No. I priority."

Despite initial criticism and skepticism of their effectiveness, the airdrops have become a vital food source for Bosnians. The operation has dropped more than 7,444 tons of goods and 144 tons of

medical supplies.

About 55,000 Muslims have been under siege in the eastern part of Mostar for weeks. Several thousend more Muslims live in the western section of Moster, which was controlled entirely by Croats until the Muslims established a bridgehead there last month. Cedric Thornberry, the senior ci-

vilian UN official in the former Yugoslavia, said Bosnian Croats who had initially agreed to unim-peded access to Mostar for the UN convoy now were demanding that Muslim forces hand over the bodies of fallen Croatian soldiers.

Later, Muslim and Croatian commanders agreed to an exchange of bodies, perhaps clearing the way for the convoy to enter the Muslin part of the city Wednesday. .

UN peacekeepers who reached the Muslim area Saturday said that residents were on the verge of starvation and that hospital conditions were desperate. They said that some operations

were being performed without an-esthesia, that more than two-thirds of the residents had been displaced and that 60 percent of the buildings were uninhabitable.

Meanwhile, the provisional parliament of Bosnia's rebel Croats will convene Saturday to vote on the tentative Geneva peace plan for the former Yugoslav republic, the Croanian political leader, Mate Boban, said Tuesday.

The Croatian vote would come a: day after balloting in the rump parment of Muslim-led Bosnia and in the rebei Serbs' self-proclaimed assembly on the plan to split the republic into three ethnic states

In a declaration, the Boban-led wing of Croatia's governing party rejected the European Community protectorate status for Mostar cavisioned by the Geneva plan. But Mr. Boban watered down that hard-line stance by saying he would accept a two-year EC mandate in Mostar if there were guarantees that it subsequently became the Croatian capital. (AP, Reuters)

At the turn of the century, sum-

mer camps were for entire families. After World War I, they

WORLD BRIEFS

Nigerian General to Give Up Rule
LAGOS (AP) — General Ibrahim Babangida, the military ruler of Nigeria, will turn over power to a civilian successor on Thursday, the state radio said Tuesday. The general is to replace his eight-year rule with an interim government

that many believe will perpetuate the military's grip on power. The government is to take over in the place of the winner of a June 12 election that General Rabangida orchestrated and then annulled on the ground it had been rigged.

He initially promised an all-civilian interim government, but now it is to be led by five soldier; and eight civilians who will continue to rule by military decree until an elected president takes over in December 1994.

New Hostages Are Taken in Managua MANAGUA (AFP)—Leftist gramen holding about 30 conservative politicians and journalists captive took Agence France-Presse and Renters photographers and an NBC camera operator hostage Tuesday, the journalists said in a telephone interview.

journalists said in a telephone interview.

At the same time, army troops began pulling back from the northern Nicaraguan region where negotiations were set to open with rightist rebels on the release of their 16 hostages. A negotiating team led by Cardinal Mignel Obando y Bravo arrived in Quilali for the talks.

The withdrawal of the troops from the Quilali region was among the conditions for discontinuous and the the former tracks.

conditions for discussions set by the former contra group that seized members of a government delegation last week. The pro-Sandinista gramen in Managua seized their hostages in retaliation for the first

North Korean Defector Cites Unrest

SEOUL (Combined Dispatches)—A North Korean defector, describing growing corest in the hard-line Communist state, said Tuesday that 10 generals had been executed for a compattempt, that food shortages had worsened and that a dissident movement had been crushed.

The defector, Im Young Sun, 30, who identified himself as a lieutenant in the North Korean Army, also said military colleagues reported that bundreds of people were killed in an accident while trying to hide a nuclear reactor from international inspectors. He said underground unclear tests were being conducted at a nuclear complex at Youngbyon, 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Pyongyang, the capital.

None of Mr. Im's reports could be confirmed. In Vienna, a spokesman for the International Atomic Energy Agency said the agency had no information on a nuclear accident as described by the defector, and said that such an incident was "extremely unlikely."

(AP, AFP)

that such an incident was "extremely unlikely."

Curb Voted on Asylum in Portugal

LISBON (AP) - The parliament passed a law Tuesday tightening

rules for foreigners seeking political asylum.

President Mario Soares vetoed the bill earlier this month in its original decree version, contending that it contravened the basic human rights of those seeking asylum from oppressive regimes. Now he has the choice of accepting the legislature's decision or sending the law to the Constitutional Court for a ruling.

The law, while not altering the status of political refugees in Portugal or the definition of political asylum, proposes an end to asylum for humanitarian reasons. It also absolves the state of any financial responsibility for refugees while their cases are being processed.

Ex-Communist Faces Italian Inquiry MILAN (Renters) — Italy's former Communists, until now relatively

unscathed by the country's sweeping corruption scandal became more deeply embroaled Tuesday when the party's treasurer came under investigation. Marcello Stefanini was warned he was being investigated over alleged kickbacks paid by a building company, the news agency ANSA

Mr. Stefanini, a senator in the upper house of parliament, is one of the most senior officials in the Democratic Party of the Left, the new name of the party, to be caught up in the investigation into illegal financing of

Achilic Ocherto, the party leader, is the only head of a major party to have kept his post since the 18-month-old scandal crupted. More than 20 percent of Italian members of parliament and four former prime minis-

Turkey Expels 3 Swiss Diplomats

ANKARA (Reuters) — Turkey ordered the Swiss ambassador, PaulAndré Ramseyer, and two other diplomats to leave Turkey within a week
on Tuesday, and said its covey to Bern, now in Turkey but wanted by the
Swiss for questioning in the killing of a Kurdish demonstrator, would not
return to his post.

The Turkey Bernst Kayer Topped has been at the center of a diplomatic

The Turkish envoy, Kaya Toperi, has been at the center of a diplomatic fend since a Kindish demonstrator was killed by a ricocheting bullet during a protest outside the Turkish Embassy in Bern on June 24.

Mr. Toper has said that he ordered embassy staff to fire into the air to prevent the demonstrators, militants of the Kurdistan Workers Party,

from storming the embassy. Witnesses say the embassy staff fired at the legs of the demonstrators.

For the Record

Suspected Mussim maitants shot and killed a Christian student as he walked through his home town, Anboub, in southern Egypt, security sources said Tuesday. The 20-year-old victim, Khaled Yahya Theophilos, had been under guard for two months since being interviewed by Cairo police about a bomb blast there linked to the militants. (Reuters)

The Israeli Supreme Court rejected a new petition Tuesday demanding that John Demjanjuk, acquitted of being the Nazi camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," be investigated for other war crimes. (Reuters) Thousands merched on the U.S. Embessy in Khartoum on Tuesday to shout slogans and wave signs in protest over Washington's decision to place Sudan on a list of countries it says support terrorism. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

, and to Lisbon starting Sept. 8. The flights to Tel Aviv will leave channesburg's Jan Smuts Airport at 10 A.M. Sundays and Tuesdays, and a flight to Lisbon will leave at 10 A.M. Wednesdays. SAA already has a weekly flight to each destination.

A federal judge in Washington harred the United Transportation Union on Tuesday from waging a strike against the U.S. Amtrak railroad system over a dispute about who operates trains at maintenance yards. (AP)

Britons were warned to stay away from Eastern Turkey after Kurdish rebels' kidnapping of two British tourists. The two were freed earlier this week after Turkish troops opened fire on their abductors. (Remen)

Sewage in the Jordan River has raised bacteria levels to two and a half times the allowed maximum for safe swimming, Israel's Nature Reserves Authority said Tuesday. The pollution was found where the Jordan flows into the Sea of Galilee and traced upstream northward to the Hula Valley.

Tests are being made to see whether swimming must be banned. (AFF)

Berlin Wall Is Gone, but a Museum Remembers

BERLIN - For decades, Rainer Hildebrandt was one of Germany's "outsiders." denounced on both sides of the Berlin The East German government con-

demned him as a "criminal provocateur," and politicians in his native West Germamy dismissed him as a naive meddler. At various times, authorities on both sides issued warrants for his arrest.

Now that the wall is gone, Germans are beginning to laud Mr. Hildebrandt as one of this country's most determined buman rights advocates. Long a legend among East European dissidents, he is finally being bonored in his own country. This month marks both the 32d anniver-

sary of the Berlin Wall and the 30th anniversary of the museum founded by Mr. Hildebrandt to chronicle its history.
"Rainer Hildebrandt is an idealist, shaped by the examples of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Andrei D. Sakharov, and his museum has become his

life's work," the newspaper Wochenpost The man who for decades monitored the East German regime and publicized the monstrosities it committed with land mines, barbed wire, attack dogs and selfshooting devices, now invites his former enemies to coffee and cake at the museum, telling them, You bave to present yourself

to your victims!"

Since the collapse of East Germany, Mr. Hildebrandt has made special efforts to reach out to spies and informers who worked for the East German secret police. known as the Stasi. At a small auditorium on the museum's second floor, he has arranged gatherings between Stasi opera-tives and their victims. The encounters bave led to angry accusations and tearful confessions, and in some cases have

rurned into shouting matches.

"There were 105,000 Stasi employees and more than 200,000 part-time informers." Mr. Hildebrandt, 78, said recently in the museum cafeteria. "We have to live together with these people now. If no bridge is built between them and their for more injustice in the future."

Unlike Gandni, King or Sakharov, Mr. Hildebrandt never led a mass movement or inspired millions of people. But during the Cold War he was one of a small num-

COPENHAGEN - Salvage ex-

perts hit a snag on Tuesday in their attempt to lift a World War II Ger-

man U-boat out of the water after a



Rainer Hildebrandt, a dissident idealist, keeping an eye on his museum.

ber of buman rights workers in Western Europe who fed news and encouragement to dissidents behind the Iron Curtain. Sometimes at the edge of the law, be became a conduit for messages between dis-

sideots and their supporters. Mr. Hildebrandt survived World War II partly by managing 10 have his mother, who was Jewish, listed as half-Jewish. This qualified him as three-quarters Aryan. Several of Mr. Hildebrandt's closest friends were executed by the Nazis, and he was arrested after criticizing the Nazis. He was convicted of "undermining the war effort" and spent 17 months in Jail. These experiences, he says, along with a nagging sense of guilt that he had not done more to oppose the Nazis, led him to devote his life to the cause of individual freedom. In 1948, Mr. Hildebrandt founded his

of several harrowing escape attempts. The makeshift museum later moved to larger quarters adjacent to Checkpoint Charlie, the tense border crossing between ast and West. It came to house a coll tion that documents the lengths to which

bomeland.

cret compartments, suiteases into which

successful operation to raise it from salvage workers tried to reduce its tegat waterway at the mouth of the brought the submarine to the sur-

first human rights group, Struggle Against Inhumanity, which sought to defend the rights of political prisoners in what was then the Soviet occupation zone in East Germany. When the Berlin Wall went up in 1961, he began quasi-legal work belping

some East Germans went to flee their

Charlie Museum.

Among the exhibits were cars with se-

The museum is in financial trouble mainly because the number of visitors has fallen sharply since the wall came down," Mr. Klemke said, "The museum stands and falls with Hildebrandt. He is a kind of institution in Berlin or, to put it negatively, East Germans escape to the West.
Two years later, he opened a modest
display of documents and photos in an
apartment on Bernauer Strasse, the scene a fossil of the Cold War." Many disagree, noting that after cam-

paigning for decades against repression in Communist countries, Mr. Hildebrandt now criticizes the abuses of post-Communist governments in some of the same "For me. Hildebrandt represents a

whole range of qualities that are much too rare in this country," said Wolfgang Templin, a dissident to East German commu-

-STEPHEN KINZER

Mud Poses a Weighty Problem for U-Boat Salvage Team

altic. face on Monday morning. The U-He said the submarine's hatches 534 was sunk by a British bomber had been opened to allow workers on May 5, 1945, in one of the final to pump diesel oil out of the vessel. actions of the war and after the "After the Danish coast guards submarine had slipped out of the bave been in and checked the sub- German port of Kiel to try to eslinked by a confederation. marine," he said, "Dutch naval sal- cape from advancing Allied forces.

Rumors of treasures aboard the vessel arose because it was of a type designed for loog transoccame hauls and belonged to the German the opened submarine, it will be 33d Flotilla, whose main task was transported on the barge to the to transport valuable cargo to Ger-North Sea port of Hirtshals, where many's ally, Japan. Survivors of the sinking, howev-

er, bave expressed doubts about A Danish-Durch consortium finding any major treasure.

from its actual 1,144-ton weight." he said. "so we winched the vessel into the sea to flush out the clay." He said the submarine was now the architects of time back on the surface, about 10 kilometers (13 miles) northeast of the Danish island of Anhoit in the Kat-

the seabed off the Danish coast.

The opening of the vessel, ru-

mored to be carrying Nazi secrets

or treasure, was delayed while the



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Per Kluever, a researcher with

the operation, said, "The first at-

tempt by two cranes to lift the U-

boat up onto a submersible barge

this morning failed as mud and clay

between the inner and outer hulls

"The clay increased the subma-

rine's weight to around 1,600 tons

made it too heavy."

Lincolns' Laundress Loses a Big Publisher

William Morrow & Co. has decided not to proceed with the purported memoirs of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln's launcress. "We were uncomfortable." 2

spokeswoman said, "about its au-

thenticity and its accuracy." Long known to Lincoin scholars, the memoirs recount the experiences of Mariak Vance, who worked for the Lincolns in Springfield, Illinois, during the . 1350s. She recounts fights, hyste-

some anecdores. The question is.

No surprises there, although

the semi-literate wife of a fugitive slave, told them to a woman named Adah Sutton, for whom she worked as a laundress between 1900 and her death four years later. Adah Sutton took notes of their conversations, but didn't write them up until decades later. She sold the manuscript to Lloyd Ostendorf, a Lincoln bull who did a respected volume titled "Lincoln in Photographs."

vage experts can go in and locate

and remove the torpedoes and am-munition believed to be on board."

After an initial investigation of

workers will begin emptying it of

can be believed? Mariah Vance,

its contents.

"It relies on recollections 40 years after the fact that weren't turned into actual narrative for 40 years after that, and that were rewritten one more time 20 years after that," said Harold Holzer, a

That, apparently, was also the collective judgment of the five historians to whom Morrow submitted the manuscript. Mr. Osscholars question the verants of ; tendorf and his partner, Walter Oleksy, a writer, said they would How much of her colorful stories . keep trying to sell it.

Mae West, whose effervescent mix of sex and humor sparkled on stage and screen for more half a century, was born in Brooklyn 100 years ago. Her centenary has brought forth retrospective newspaper articles and reprises of some of her bons mots, such as: When a woman goes wrong, men go right after her.

When I'm good I'm very good, but when I'm bad I'm better. It's not the men in my life that count. It's the life in my men.

(To suitor who says, "If only I could trust you.") You can modreds have Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution.

I wrote the story myself. It's about a girl who lost her reputation and never missed II. Between two evils I always pick the one I haven't tried before.

evolved into separate camps for boys and girls, while the parents stayed bome. Now, however, family camps are back. Hundreds are listed by the American Camping Association, compared with almost none 10 years ago. Today, a lot of overworked parents worry that they do not see enough of their children." The Washing-ton Post says. "Others find the new option a chean alternative to a resort. And still more are nostalgic baby boomers grasping at the chance to relive some of the best summer days of their lives." Or as Richard Bentley, who teaches American literature at the University of Massachusetts, joked: "Look at all these facili-

Arthur Highee

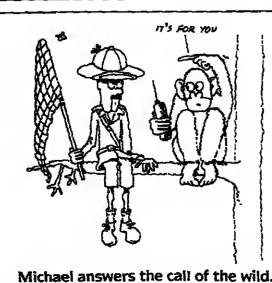
ties. It's a shame to waste it on the

Air France will have separate smoking cabins on flights to Japan and South Korea starting Oct. 28, the carrier said Tuesday. The economy class section will be separated from the nonsmoking sections by galley and curtains and will sear 90.

(AFP) South African Airways will offer more flights to Tel Aviv starting Sept

A severe flunderstorm in Catalogia on Tuesday knocked out electrical to Barcelona and the majority of the region for several hours, include the cities of Tarragona and Lerida, cutting rail service and disrupting traffic. The blackout began when the storm downed a 400,000-kilow power line, causing a chain reaction of outages. Backup generators key the Barcelona airport in operation.

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Passengers May Be in the Dark on Airport Tax, but Airlines Are Squawking

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NEW YORK — A tax imposed at a growing number of airports across the United States for such projects as noise abatement, security and new or improved runways and terminals is inspiring a revolt — not among the passengers who pay the tax, but among the airlines that

The passenger facility charge, as it is formally named, has proved hard to resist for airport authorities. In the 19 months the tax has been in effect, 130 of the 428 primary airports in the United States - those with at least 10,000 passengers a year — have been authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to impose more than \$7.3 billion in taxes, and 38 more applications are pending.

In the next fiscal year, the tax is expected to yield almost \$800 million.

These funds are critical to the future of our airports and the national air transportation system," George Doughty, chamman of the Airports Council International-North America, a trade group of airport executives, recently told the House subcommittee on investigations

Airlines disagree, saying that the rate of in-crease of airport-related costs has far exceeded rises in their other costs. One airline executive complained that the airports were displaying a Taj Mahai complex."

James E. Landry, president of the Air Transport Association of America, the carriers' trade association, criticized what he called the "Field of Dreams" argument: If an expansion project

Northwest Airlines, contending that the FAA had acted arbitrarily in approving the tax at many airports, sued the agency last month in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington. The agency denied the charge, and arguments are scheduled on Oct. 8.

Although no airport can charge more than \$3 flight, the airport tax can amount to as much as \$12 on round-trip flights that involve a stop or change of planes en route. For example, passengers flying from New York to Los Angeles (both of which charge the tax) could save \$6 by booking their round-trip flights on an airline that stops at Cincinnati or Dallas, which do not impose the tax, rather than at Minneapolis or

Detroit, which do. Therefore Northwest Airlines - which has

Memphis, where the charge is imposed — pays it, rather than passing it on to passengers and risking being at a competitive disadvantage on tage."

president "But at least in competing markets we would not be at a competitive disadvantage." routes where its rivals have hubs that do not impose the tax.

That is an expensive choice. "Having to absorb that tax costs us \$20 million to \$25 million a year," said Elliot Seiden, vice president of government affairs for Northwest.

Consequently, Northwest — which lost more than \$1 billion last year and just recently averted bankruptcy - has asked the FAA to impose the tax only on passengers departing from or arriving at their final destination, not on those connecting to other flights.

"It still doesn't take care of the revenue

hubs at Minneapolis-St. Paul. Detroit and drain," said Mark Abels a Northwest vice

Earlene Causey, president of the American Society of Travel Agents, in Alexandria, Virginia, said: "There have been few complaints, but only because Congress did such a clever job of humping that tax in with all the others that ngers don't even know about it."

Mr. Landry said the tax was a way of "obtaining funding from a voiceless constituency then transforming it into "a general public works scheme."

So far, the agency has approved more than 1,000 projects worth more than \$7.3 billion, and rejected \$2 million worth. Applications totaling \$6.3 billion were withdrawn.

Approvals range from a one-year tax to raise \$55,500 for improvements at the airport at Morgantown. West Virginia, to \$2.3 billion in taxes over 34 years for Denver's new airport, which is to open this autumn.

The city of Flint, Michigan, plans to raise \$32.3 million over 37 years for a variety of

In July 1992, New York City's three major airports were authorized to collect a total of \$282 million with a three-year tax. Of that, \$21 million is to study the feasibility of collecting \$2 billion or so to link the passenger terminals and parking lots at Newark and Kennedy airports. and to build mass-transit systems connecting Kennedy and La Guardia with the subways and the Long Island Rail Road in Queens, and Newark airport with mass transit in Newark.

2 Old Friends, One Island, but No Social Calls

OAK BLUFFS, Massachusetts — The last time Bill Clinton was on Martha's Vineyard it was to attend the wedding of a Yale Law School classmate, Lani Guinier. That was seven years ago, when he was the governor of Arkansas. Now he is here again, and she is here with her family, as she is every summer.

This time the two have not seen each other.

Reporters have been asking Ms. Guinier whether the president had called, or whether she had been included in the social whirl around Mr. Clinton and her other law school classmate, Hillary Rodham Clinton. He has not called, and Ms. Guinier has not been invited to anything. not even to Saturday night's party at Sheldon and Lucy Hackney's house. Mr. Hackney, who was recently confirmed to head the National Endowment for the Arts, was the president of the University of Pennsylvania, where Ms. Guinier, his friend, is a law professor. Ms. Guinier said she had not spoken to the president since June 4,

when he telephoned to tell her that he was withdrawing her nomination as assistant attorney general for human rights after her ideas on blacks and political power provoked widespread criticism.

"I'm oot bitter," Ms. Guinier said, talking on the terrace of her mother's home in East Chop, a peninsula on the other side of the island from where the president is staying, "I'm oot in hiding, I don't want to

be seen as a victim." Asked about the president's friendship with Ms. Guinier, Mr. Clinton's spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers, said, "He made clear during that incident that she is someone whom be clearly respects and cares a

great deal about and has always considered a friend."

Ms. Guinier declined to talk about the president's social calendar. "1 would rather talk about my ideas for empowering all voters to build cross-racial coalitions," she said.

Her 6-year-old son, Nikolas, shows less equanimity. After tennis the other day, Nikolas and his father, Nolan Bowie, wandered oear the 14th hole of the Farm Neck Golf Club, where the president was teeing off. A crowd had gathered. Nikolas said he had prepared a short speech for just such an occasion.

"I was going to say, 'Why did you dump Lani Guinier?' " he shouted.

"She's my mother!"

But the little boy decided it was best to keep quiet. "I was afraid the Secret Service would arrest me," he said.

Panel's Plan Would 'Reinvent' Agencies' Roles

WASHINGTON - Two central federal agencies would lose their monopoly power over providing the government with goods and services under a draft plan prepared for the Clinton administration's "reinventing government" task force.

The plan recommends ending the General Services Administration monopoly over the acquisition of supplies, services and facilities—from cars to furniture to office huildings. The plan also would end the monopoly role of the Government Printing Office and allow federal managers to hypass the agency to obtain printing services.

The proposals not only would affect the way the government handles ogistics and support services but also would revamp how contracts are awarded to private-sector companies. In some markets, such as computers, where the government spends more than \$20 billion annually on hardware and software, the financial stakes are enormous.



Mr. Clinton working the crowd in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, before a shopping trip at a bookstore and a sporting goods shop.

The draft report was dated July 29. It is one of several prepared by the National Performance Review, which is led by Vice President Al Gore, and circulating inside the government.

The review, announced by President Clinton in March, will recommend ways to "reinvent government" by making it work better and cost less, Mr. Gore has indicated that the review will propose overhauls of the government's budgetary, procurement, personnel and information technology systems.

Privacy Groups Fear Health-Care Data Bank

WASHINGTON - As President Clinton considers creating a national health-care data hank to cut costs as part of his reform effort, civil libertarians are raising an alarm over breaches of privacy that night result from such a computerized network.

Officials representing the American Civil Liberties Union and other privacy groups are already mounting a campaign to tighten laws protecting the confidentiality of medical records.

Michael Jackson Aide Says Money Motivated Abuse Accusation

Mr. Clinton's advisers have proposed requiring all people enrolled in the new health plan to carry a "smart card" imprinted with computer chips containing their medical histories. Doctors and insurers computers could scan the card to call up information about a patient's medical records and health insurance.

Existing privacy laws do a better job shielding an individual's videorental records from prying eyes than keeping medical records private, said Janlori Goldman, director of the ACLU's Project on Privacy and

George Bush, four years ago during his first vacation as president, exclaiming as he watched one of his golf shots: "Oh, golly darn, get up

President Clinton this week, doing the same thing: "Whoa, man

ruary, Mr. Jackson said he sur-

rounded himself with children to

make up for a friendless, workahol-

ic childhood. For years he was the

lead singer of his family's group, The Jackson Five, which had its

first No. 1 record when he was 11.

His charity work includes bring-ing scriously ill children to his ranch, which has a zoo and amuse-

closed at one point as far north as Brownsville, Nebraska, was back in

operation by Saturday. The Illinois

River, closed for about 60 miles

from its mouth to Valley City, Illi-

nois, was reopened Monday.

The Mississippi remained above flood stage from Muscatine, Iowa,

to Cairo, Illinois. Although it was

falling in most areas, the river rose

slightly in the Muscatine area Mon-

day because of recent rainfall. At

St. Louis, where the river crested at

a record 49.4 feet (15 meters) on

Aug. I, the river was at 33.7 feet on

Monday, 3.7 feet above flood stage.

A 4th U.S. Official **Quits Over Bosnia**

By Steven A. Holmes New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Saying he could no longer countenance a policy that he believes legitimizes ag-gression and genocide in Bosnia, the State Department's specialist on Croatia has resigned, bringing to four the oumber of officials who have quit in the last year to protest United States policy in the Bal-

In a letter to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, the official, Stephen W. Walker, said Washington's failure to take a harder line against the Bosnian Serbs had resulted in hundreds of thousands of casualties and undermined vital U.S. interests.

European Community and the rest of the international community stand by and watch."

Mr. Walker, 30, who has worked in the Foreign Service for eight years, was the desk officer for Croatia in the office for Eastern European affairs. He was relied on mostly to produce information and recommendations to he used by senior officials to develop policy.

As a candidate for president, Bill Clinton said he would take a more vigorous stance against what he principles. termed Serbian aggression in Bosnia. But in recent months, his adport a resolution of the war hearted.

one that allowed the Serbs and Croats to keep land they had taken by force.

On Monday, Michael McCurry, the State Department spokesman, termed Mr. Walker's decision "an honorable form of protest."

Asked what he felt the resigna-tion indicated. Mr. McCurry said: "I think it tells you what the secretary himself has said on numerous occasions - this is a frustrating. terrible problem in which answers are not easy to come by. And it's just as frustrating for the secretary as it is for people at the country-desk-officer level who work on the problem."

In a telephone interview on Monday, Mr. Walker said: There "A dangerous precedent is being set," he wrote. "Genocide is taking place again in Europe, yet we, the partment for doing more, and widespread frustration within the department with our policy. It's very difficult to find people within the department who support our

policy In his letter, Mr. Walker urged the administration to arm the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government and to act to preserve Bosnia within its original borders, guarantee the rights of all people and punish all war criminals and states that violate international law and

The United States has backed each of these goals, but Mr. Walker ministration has said it would sup- called Washington's support half-

Coming to the UN: A Corruption Cop

from the United States to reform its huge bureaucracy, the United Nations has named a high-level corruption investigator for the first

Ali Niazi, an Egyptian accountant who has served as the United Nations' top internal audit official. has been appointed to fill the joh

starting Sept. 1. He will have the title of assistant secretary-general for inspections and investigations, and will report directly to Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali, who created the new post. Mr. Niazi will be assisted by a staff of about 90.

UN officials said the new position was temporary. At its session opening in the fall of 1994, they said, the General Assembly will be asked to establish an even higherlevel, permanent position with

broader investigative powers. "We want to set a track record for tough investigations that get results," said Melissa Wells, an American who is the UN undersec-

retary general for administration.
The United States, by far the biggest contributor to the UN budget, has long been calling for the world body to create an inspectorgeneral position similar to that of many U.S. government agencies.

Dick Thornburgh, the former Pennsylvania governor who served for a year as the head of UN adtenure, in a highly critical report about UN waste and mismanage-

U.S. delegate to the United Na-UNITED NATIONS, New tions, has taken up the theme in tails about UN administrative problems. The United Nations employs about 15,000 people world-

By UN accounts, the United The investigator, Mohammed States is \$786 million behind on its regular and peacekeeping UN dues, more than any other nation.

The Clinton administration has pledged to strengthen its coopera-tion with the United Nations, and American officials had told Mr. Butros Ghali Ghali that the creation of an independent oversight office would be a sign to congressional critics that the United Nations was taking steps to change.

"We welcome this change in the way the United Nations does husioess," said James P. Rubin, the spokesman for the U.S. mission here. Both Mr. Ruhin and Ms. Wells emphasized that there had been oo agreement between the United States and Mr. Butros Ghali regarding the new office.

The new official will oot be called an "inspector-general," as he might be in the United States, because of objections to the term from many French-speaking nations where an "inspector" is a police officer.

Mr. Butros Ghali's decision was influenced by a continuing investi-gation into possible irregularities in pidding for helicopter contracts for UN peacekeeping operations. ministration during the presidency Eight top UN procurement officers of George Bush, recommended the remain suspended in the case, measure in March, at the end of his which has dampeoed morale among staffers who think that the United Nations is poorly equipped to conduct a fair inquiry.

port that search warrants had been The Los Angeles police and

consultant for the pop star Michael Jackson said that a police investigation of him had been prompted by allegations of child abuse from blackmailers who tried to extort

LOS ANGELES - A security

prosecutors confirmed that a comaint was being investigated. "We have to be sensitive to evcryone involved," said a police officer, David Gascon. "We intend to

be very professional in the way we

Away From Politics

• Years of efforts to reduce heavy drinking in the military have largely failed, and alcohol abuse

remains a serious problem, according to a study of

American service personnel. The prevalence of heavy drinking is down to about 15 percent from

22 percent in 1980. But virtually all of the drop is

due to an influx of older, better-educated recruits

who are more likely to be married and less prone to

The national average price of \$1.10 a gallon for regular gasoline will be the lowest for a Labor Day holiday since 1986, the American Automobile As-

sociation said. The average price is down 5.7 cens

a gallon from a year ago and is 2.3 cents lower than at the July 4 holiday. Labor Day falls on Sept. 6

· Human error may have caused a cruise ship to

slam into a rock in Glacier Bay near Juneau,

Alaska, investigators said. A captain's mate was alone on the bridge of the Yorktown Clipper at the

time of the accident last week. The ship was heavily

• The National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-

tration has replaced the engines of the space shut-

tle Discovery, clearing the way for a fourth try, on Sept. 10, to launch a satellite delivery mission.

damaged, but there were no injuries.

conduct this investigation."

drink heavily.

tourage had been cooperating fully warrants had been issued. The investigation began Aug. 17, be add-Mr. Gascoo would not confirm a

Los Angeles television statioo's reserved Saturday on Mr. Jackson's Los Angeles condominium and his ranch near Santa Ynez, about 120 miles (200 kilometers) oorthwest of Los Angeles.

To Bangkok, where Mr. Jackson, 34, began a new leg of a worldwide Anthony Pellicano, a private inves-

event's promoter said that Mr. with the police and that oo arrest Jackson knew that the searches would take place.

"This is oot something that happened last night," said the promot-er, Brian Marcar. "This is a very old case, really, so there is no reac

"You know, when you are a superstar people want to discredit want to extort money, you, they want to extort mone he added. "It is a oormal thing. The investigation was prompted by "an extortion gone awry," said

A school bus bound for Cuba crossed the U.S.

border into Mexico at Laredo, Texas, after a three-

week standoff between customs officials and reli-

gious activists protesting the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba. The protesters ended a hunger strike after the Treasury Department agreed to let the

missed a member of the city's Human Rights

nosexuals should be stoned to death.

with Mr. Jackson for four years. Mr. Pellicano said that people who knew Mr. Jackson had tried to extort \$20 million by alleging that he had ahused a child. He declined to identify the people.

We had no intentions to do anything with it, we wanted to see how far they went," he said. "They made threats that they wanted to go to the district attorney's office tifled, defended him and lashed out and I says, 'Go.' I says, 'Why you at his accusers.

tigator who said he had worked Child and Family Services, which country," she said. "He's a very started this investigation." gentle person and loves everybody Mr. Jackson's concert Tuesday and would never be involved in any in Bangkok drew a sellout crowd of criminal activity. In a television interview in Feb-

40,000 at National Stadium. "His biggest problem is getting ready to perform tonight, hoping that it isn't going to rain," Mr. Marcar said before the concert. A member of the pop star's entourage, who asked not to be iden-

"It's really despicable that some-

"When we would not pay," he body should hring up something added, "a phone call was made to like this while Michael's out of the

Mississippi Open for Business Shipping Traffic Resumes as River Recedes

ST. LOUIS, Missouri - The still-flooded but slowly receding upper Mississippi River has reopened to commercial traffic wel-

is the busiest time of the year for us.

It's been devastating to our indus-

• The United States is offering a \$100,000: ward for tips leading to the arrest of Mir Aimal Kansi, the prime suspect in two fatal shootings come oews for barge companies that lost millions of dollars during outside CIA headquarters in Washington. He is the idle summer. believed to be in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran or "Eestatic. That says it," said George Foster, president of Mid-way Marine Inc. in St. Louis. "This Mayor Frank Jordan of San Francisco dis-

Commission, the Reverend Eugene Lumpkin, who said he believed in a biblical passage saying that Shippers have estimated that 5,000 barges, some loaded with grain, fertilizer and coal, were idled by the two months of flooding, and A drug ring sauggled cocaine to the United States and Western Europe by bonding it to bathtubs, suitcases and other items and then chemically extracting it, federal officials said. Fourteen people were charged with conspiracy in grand jury indictments unsealed in Kansas City, Missouri. the barge industry lost an estimated \$3 million daily.

The flooding caused an estimat-

and resulted in at least 45 deaths. Restrictions on the river began in late June, and it was entirely closed beginning July 11 for the 830 miles (1,350 kilometers) between Minneapolis and Cairo, Illinois.

Southbound traffic resumed on Sunday and northbound traffic on Monday. Short sections southward from Minneapolis, the head of shipping on the river, had been reopened earlier as water receded. Some restrictions remain, such

as the oumber of barges allowed per tow, to keep down damage to levees and sandbagged areas, said a Coast Guard official, Frank Dunn. Recreational traffic also is being allowed. But Mr. Dunn said officials were advising pleasure boaters to use extreme caution because the water remained high and fast.

"We're still trying to discourage recreational traffic," he said, "but commercial traffic is slowly but surely getting on with business as

The Missouri River, which was

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Tatiana Troyanos, Versatile Mezzo, Dies at 54

bus leave Laredo.

NEW YORK - Tatiaoa Troyanos, 54, an American mezzosoprano whose enormous repertory covered the full range of operatio history from Monteverdi to Philip Glass, died of cancer Saturday.

Miss Troyanos's dark, flexible mezzo was ideal for the wrenching emotionalism of such characters as Carmen, Kundry in Wagner's way through a large part of the "Parsifal." Eboli in Verdi's "Don mezzo-soprano repertory. But her Carlo, Santuzza in Mascagni's first major European appearances Caraleria Rusticana," and both were at Aix-en-Provence, where she Purceil's and Berlioz's Didos.

Her vocal and dramatic agility, as well as her ability to learn difficult roles quickly, made her a sing-where she performed her first Octa-er of choice for revivals of rarely vian in 1969, learning the role on a performed Handel and Mozart week's notice to fill in for another

when Julius Rudel signed her to the Governed Kazakhstan New York City Opera roster. She made her debut that year as Hip-polyta in Benjamin Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and also sang Jocasta in Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex."

In 1965, she joined the Hamburg State Opera, where she made her made her debut in 1966 as the Salah Jadid, 66, Assad Foe, Composer in Strauss's "Ariadne After 23 Years in Syrian Jail AMMAN, Jordan (AFP) -- Salah Jadid, 66, once one of the most

singer.

Her first break was in 1963, Dinmukhamed Kunayev, 81,

AP, UPI, Reuters

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Dinmukhamed Kunayev, 81, who governed Kazakhstan for 22 years as Moscow's Communist viceroy, 1966 and 1970, died Thursday. died Sunday, Russian news agencies reported. A close associate of the former

Soviet leader Leonid 1. Brezhnev, he served in the ruling Politburo from 1966 to 1987, for 16 years as a

powerful men in Syria, died in nscus last week after being held

prisoner for 23 years by the government of his onetime rival President Hafez Assad, his family said. Mr. Jadid, leader of the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party and a member of Syria's ruling elite between

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A Grim Silence in Algeria

Algeria, with all opportunities for peaceful change rapidly disappearing and its unpopular government clinging to power by military force, slides deeper into the sterile politics of death. On Saturday night, gunmen ambushed and killed Kasdi Merbah, a former prime minister who had recently pleaded for reconciliation between the ruling military and the outlawed Islamic movement.

The authorities were quick to blame his murder on Islamic militants, who have resorted to terrorism in the past. But Mr. Merbah's followers are not so sure. Last year's assassination of President Mohammed Boudiaf, another conciliatory figure, was also officially blamed on Islamic militants but has yet to be satisfactorily investigated.

Most Western governments winked or even applauded when Algeria's army seized power in January 1992 to deny the Islamic move-ment a victory it had legitimately won in parliamentary elections. Today the militarybacked government, which has just dismissed its latest prime minister, thrashes about with no mandate, no coherent policies, and no idea how to quell the spreading violence.

Terrorist attacks have moved beyond their original military targets to include secular intellectuals and opposition politicians. A

similar settling of scores accompanied Alge-ria's war of independence from France in the 1950s and 1960s — but then, at least, there was hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Mr. Merbah, who headed the secret police in the 1980s, was no political innocent. But in opposition he became a voice for the important Berber minority. And his public call for reconciliation last month, when he urged Islamic militants to lay down their arms, was a brave and timely initiative.

Had the Islamic movement been allowed to assume parliamentary power, would it have been any less repressive, or more competent, than the army? No one can know. But it is instructive to contrast Algeria's disastrous ex-perience with that of Jordan, which has allowed elected Islamic militants to take their parliamentary seats.

Jordan's Islamic movement is not as strong as Algeria's, and its parliament is clearly subordinate to King Hussein. But so far the Jordanian strategy of inclusion has minimized violence and allowed a variety of political voices to compete for public support. In Algeria, those are precisely the voices now being silenced. Their loss leaves the country increasingly polarized and hopeless.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Favoring Adoptive Parents

It is no secret that many children would be healthier and happier with adoptive parents than with the parents that nature dealt them. That is especially true of children who remain in abusive homes because the law blindly favors biological parents. It is also true of chil-dren who languish for years in foster homes because of parents who cannot or will not care for them but refuse to relinquish custody rights. Fourteen-year-old Kimberly Mays fits neither description, but her court victory this week

could eventually help children who do. Kimberly has been the object of an angry custody battle between the man who raised her and her biological parents, with whom she has never lived. This week a Florida judge ruled that the teenager can remain with the only father she has ever known and that her biological parents have "no legal claim" on her. The raling, which may yet be overturned, sets aside the doctrine that biology is the primary determinant of parentage. That is an important development, one that is long overdue.

Shortly after birth in December 1978, Kimberly Mays and another infant were mistakenly switched and sent home with the wrong parents. Kimberly's biological parents, Ernest and Regina Twigg, received a child who died of a congenital heart ailment in 1988. Medical tests performed during treatment showed that the Twiggs were not the biological parents. Genetic testing established that Kimberly was the Twiggs' biological daughter, thus sparking a custody battle with Robert W. Mays, a Sarasota roofing contractor. In 1989, the two families agreed that Mr. Mays would maintain custody, with the Twiggs getting visiting rights. Those rights were terminated when Mr. Mays decided that Kimberly was being traumatized.

Meanwhile, also in Florida, a 12-year-old boy who had languished in foster care won "a divorce" from his mother on grounds that she had abandoned him. Inspired by the case of Gregory K., Kimberly went to court to sever

legal ties with the Twiggs.

The decision to leave Kimberly with Mr. Mays rendered her suit moot. But the judge, Stephen L. Dakan of the Sarasota County Circuit Court, made clear that Kimberly did have standing to sue in her own behalf. Thus he made clear that she was more than just chattel to be handled as adults saw fit. He admonished the Twiggs for thinking that "Kimberly's wishes, feelings and interests should not be considered in this case."

"The evidence is clear that Robert Mays is her psychological parent and that the plaintiffs are seen by her as a constant source of danger to her father and to her family relationship," he wrote. Forced visitation "is likely to produce mental, physical or emotional

harm of a lasting nature to her." The facts of this case are unique, but the hroader message is clear. Certainly the biological link between parent and child is fundamental. But biological parents are not always preferable to adoptive ones, and biological parentage does not convey an absolute ownerhip that cancels all the rights of children.

The belief that parents own children can lead to much suffering for the children. Think again of those who spend years in foster care because neglectful parents will not care for them and will not give them up for adoption. Think again of the battered child, patched up and sent home again, in the belief that the biological mom and dad are best.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Get Control of Pesticides

The Clinton administration is trying to work out major changes in federal pesticide policy. Good luck. The details, or some of them, may be announced as early as next month. In the long run the most important could involve a promised effort not just to regulate pesticide use but to discourage it. That would be a clear departure from past policy, but how far the administration is pre-

pared to go is still unclear. The government ought to require farmers to have pesticide management plans with an eye at least to monitoring use if not reducing it and to guarding against such well-established dangers as buildings in the water supply. There are many ways of imposing such a requirement, from saying a farmer would need such a plan to qualify for price supports, to saying he would need it simply to buy and apply the pesticides in the first place. Why not? The administration will also try to rational-

ize the regulatory apparatus. It is anything but rational now. Past efforts to make sense of it have foundered mainly on industry opposition.

Because of some recent court decisions, the industry may now have as much reason as the reformers to want to come to the table. Proposals are expected to make it easier both to move safer pesticides onto the market and to move ted unsafe pesticides off. A new effort will be made to see to the testing by modern methods within fixed periods of time of the many older pesticides on the market. This backlog of older and never fully tested posti-

cides still constitutes the bulk of those in use. There will also be an effort to create a single, rational regulatory standard, in effect by writing a new definition of risk. Now a piece of legislation called the Delaney clause all but bans, in processed foods only, even traces of pesticides that are known carcinogens. There is a lesser standard for raw products, and there are different standards, generally less demanding, for other health threats that are equally serious. In some cases regulators are required to take account of economic

benefit in weighing risk; in other cases, they are forbidden to do so. The differences are mostly historical and legislative accidents.

The administration would trade the Delaney clause for a single standard under which no pesticide residue on food products could present more than a "negligible risk." Not all environmental groups like the idea, but it is a sensible proposal that will provide the necessary public protection and gives the chemical industry and grocery manufacturers an incen-tive to deal. Such a deal has been stymied in the past, in part by philosophical differences but in part also by an absence of good faith. If the Clinton people can achieve the workable national pesticide compromise that is their goal, they will have made a major advance. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

NAFTA, for Fairness

Among NAFTA's critics there are some groups not really interested in solving poten-tial problems with the pact. They include knee jerk protectionists and a few extreme environmentalists who would halt economic development in regions like the borderlands.

One outspoken NAFTA critic worth special note is Ross Perot. He sees NAFTA as a handy issue if be runs against Mr. Clinton in 1996. Mr. Perot is trying to recast the complexities of foreign trade in simplistic, pseudopatriotic terms, claiming NAFTA will create a "giant sucking sound" as U.S. jobs flow south of the border. In fact, U.S. jobs are already leaving the country — and going much farther away than Mexico. If anything, NAFTA will better equip all three countries to compete

in the new world economy. By making the system fairer and more open, NAFTA will help regulate a process already under way, and impossible to stop.

- Los Angeles Times.



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Recession in Japan, Plus a Tenacious Trade Surplus

T OKYO - Japan's new coalition government is in an economic bind, with the country caught in the tightening grip of a deflationary vise. The numbers being com-piled for release next month will reveal that the economy was pushed back into recession during the second quarter.

Worse, the surge of the yen against all key international currencies and gold puts the world's second-largest economy on direct course for a still more brutal pounding. Even with the advance of the yen likely to weaken for a time, there is little that will allow Japan to avoid the increasingly powerful deflationary pressures that have been set loose.

The country's economic performance in the first quarter was among the best in the Group of Seven industrial powers. Since then, three forces have come together to return the econo-

First has been the effect of political scandals that undermined the 38-year rule of the Liberal Democratic Party. As the circle of scandal and accusation widened, an increas-ing fear gripped the country's leadership, particularly at regional and local levels, that Japa-nese politics would become a hunting ground for Italian-style corruption cases. The result has been a pervasive reluctance by

Free Trade Agreement unleash

economic growth throughout the

Americas, as proponents promise, improving environmental and labor standards in the process? Or will it undermine U.S.

jobs and wages, as critics charge? Much of the debate is based on

two myths; that Mexico's export

sector is limited to low-tech and

low-productivity operations, and

that world-class wages in Mexico will automatically follow world-

class productivity.

Average productivity is far lower than in the United States,

but new export plants in indus-tries from cars to electronics use

advanced technologies and match or exceed U.S. quality and pro-ductivity levels. The Ford Escorts

produced in Hermosillo, all ex-ported north, ranked fifth in qual-

ity out of 46 assembly plants in

North America last year, surpass-

ing five Japanese-owned plants.

This quality and productivity, however, are combined with

Third World wages, Ford workers in Mexico earn \$2.38 an hour,

compared with \$17.50 an hour

By Kenneth S. Courtis

local authorities to engage in much new spending for fear of being drawn into a web of suspicion. It is precisely at these levels of government that the responsibility resides for spending much of the \$240 billion in extra funds set aside during the past year to stimulate the economy. These funds are simply not being injected quickly enough into the economy.

A second force that has worked to drive the economy back into recession has been the un-characteristic weather. There has been no summer in Japan this year. Average daytime temperatures in Tokyo have been substantially lower

than normal. With people staying indoors, sum-mer consumer spending has been devastated. Third, the deflationary pressures generated by the strength of the year in the past six months could have a numbing effect on the economy. With about four-lifths of imports denominated in dollars, Japan is set to reap a \$35 billion windfall over the next year because of the yen's surge. With distribution still largely in the hands of cartels, much of that gain will be captured by the corporate sector and serve to cushion the impact on the economy of the yea's strength.

As a rule of thumb, each 10-yen fall of the

NAFTA Looks Bad for U.S. Jobs and Wages

By Harley Shaiken

sembly plants - maquiladoras -

where employment rose from 131,000 in 1981 to 505,000 in

1992? Instead, wages averaged about \$1.15 an hour last year,

The flip side of low wages is low urchasing power. In Tijuana, the

average export plant worker must

labor more than an hour for a

half-gallon (two liters) of milk and

about four hours for a pound (450 grams) of meat, hardly the mak-

ings of a robust market.

If artificially depressed wages prevent Mexican workers from entering the middle class, in an

increasingly integrated economy, U.S. workers may be knocked out of the middle class. New Mexican

plants achieving U.S. productivity

levels at one-seventh the wages offer a powerful incentive for many U.S. firms to relocate pro-

duction or lower their labor costs

representative, admits that "for decades, Mexico has looked the

other way when companies pollut-

ed or violated the most basic of

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade

by threatening to move or both.

lower than 1981 levels.

for workers producing the same

Not only won't Mexican work-

ers be buying many Escorts at these wages. U.S. consumers will

continue to pay the same price wherever the car is produced.

Many say that Mexico's mar-

ket reforms will cause wages to

rise. In fact, reform has not come

to Mexico's controlled labor mar-

kets. The government holds down

wages to attract investment, labor

rights are truncated, and employ-

ers often conspire to set wages.

Rising productivity does not

41 percent from 1980 to 1992, the

wages and benefits of a Mexican

manufacturing worker last year

were only 68 percent of what they

were in 1980, a low level to start

with. Average compensation to-taled \$2.35 an hour last year, one-

Proponents of NAFTA argue

that the increased demand for

industrial workers alone will

raise wages. Why then has this

not taken place in the border as-

seventh of U.S. earni

Although productivity rose by

translate into better wages.

model near Detroit.

dollar drains about 0.5 percent of growth from the Japanese economy in the succeeding 12 months. Gross domestic product grew by 2.7 percent in the first quarter, a good performance, but the second-quarter figures will show that the economy contracted by 1.2 percent. Rather than an expansion of 2 percent or more, as had seemed possible, Japan is on course for growth of

just above 1 percent for the year. Japan has been rudderless since the spring.

American authorities have talked the dollar down. European central banks, preoccupied by their own problems and concerned at Japan's rising trade surplus with Europe, stood aside as the yen surged against European currencies even more than it has against the dollar. There was no policy response from Tokyo.

Only since the new Japanese government was confirmed do officials seem to have realized the extent of the country's difficulties and the determination of Washington to overcome resistance in Tokyo to a tax-based stimulus policy.

Recent trade statistics are a measure of the pressures that are now building. In June, the overall U.S. trade deficit exceeded \$12 billion, almost double the level of a year earlier. For the first half, America's deficit with Japan amounted to nearly \$27 billion, more than 20 percent higher than in the 1992 period. Figures for July

worker rights." The side agreements announced the other day

The labor accord excludes in-dustrial relations issues — viola-

tions of the right to strike or orga-

nize independent unions - from the possibility of fines or sanc-

tions. Representative Richard Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri,

criticizes the side agreements as inadequate. This position seeks to expand trade by ensuring that people on both sides of the border

can buy what they produce.

Stronger labor and environ-

mental protections will not artifi-

mental protections will not artificially raise Mexican wages but will ensure that they do not stay artificially depressed, hurting U.S. wages and purchasing power.

Expanded trade offers considerable promise for the United States and Mexico. A pact that

guarantees investment but ignores

jobs, incomes and the environ-

ment will not realize that promise.

The writer, a visiting professor at the University of California at Berkeley and author of books on Mexican industry, contributed this

comment to The New York Times.

provide little protection.

through the summer, with Japan's surplus growing by 28 percent from a year earlier as imports remain weak and exports strong.

With the Japanese economy shimping, the trade surplus swelling and the U.S. Congress set to approve tough new trade legislation in Sep-tember, Tokyo is preparing to announce a major program to support the economy ahead of the U.S.-Japanese summit meeting late next month. Its centerpiece will be a 4-trillion to 6trillion-yen (\$39 billion to \$58 billion) tax reduction package, a further cut in interest rates and the beginning of a longer-term policy of deregulation and economic reform.

The tax package will be presented as the first step in a much broader reform plan to be introduced after new elections that are likely to be held by spring. The ruling coalition needs a new mandate to apply its policies of electoral

and economic reform.

With the government racing to put an economic program together, the U.S. Treasury relaxing its pressure on the market for the moment, and traders looking for an opportunity to reverse positions, the yen has begin a correction that will see it fall temporarily in value against the dollar. However, below the surface, forces continue to work that will drive the yen beyond its highs of recent sessions. The most important of these are developments related to Japan's externel surphues and interest rates.

Europe, the United States and Japan are all likely to experience slow growth, and oil prices could approach their 1986 lows. The financial position of many major petroleum producers is deteriorating, increasing the pressure to sell more oil. Iran, too, needs to expand sales if it is to fulfill its ambitions as a regional power. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will be hard-pressed to curb supplies to buttress prices. Given that Japan imports all its oil, gas and coal, a 20 percent drop in energy prices would add \$15 billion to its annual trade surplus.

Since Japanese companies have substantial excess capacity, it is in their interests to pump out goods for export as long as the exchange rate is above break-even levels. In the case of the automotive industry, that level is estimated to be around 75 yen to the dollar. From present levels, therefore, a considerable margin exists before a

major contraction of exports would occur.
Finally, there is very little reason to expect
Japan to expand its imports by much in the immediate future,

As a result, contrary to widespread expecta-tions, the Japanese trade surplus is likely to move still higher in 1994. The Clinton administration, already facing an uphill battle in pushing the North American Free Trade Agreement through Congress, cannot afford to be seen as "soft" on Japan. So the stage is set for an intensifying confrontation between the United States and Japan over trade and the exchange rate.

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Armed Robbery in the Balkans, With More Warring to Come

BELGRADE—Right in the mid-dle of some trivial exaltation over the Geneva negotiations, something of great significance happened in the field in the former Yugoslavia. The Serbs of the Krajina region of Croatia gleefully destroyed a makeshift pontoon bridge that the Croats had built over the strategic Mas-

The Serbs had been courteous enough to let President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia open the bridge on July 18 before they fired artillery two weeks later. The Croats were outraged, but they restrained themselves

to the usual diplomatic noises.

The Bosnian Serbs were deeply embarrassed, it took a lot of delega tions, roast lambs and bottles of grape brandy for Serbian local commanders to straighten out that de-plorable incident with their Croatian enunterparts in the field, with whom they had been operating in an essential alliance in Rosnia.

The sinking of the "bridge too close," as it is called, was not only a blow to the new Serbian-Croatian misalliance in the Balkan wars. It strengthened Bosnian army gains in a successful offensive against Croatian forces in central Bosnia.

This offensive plunged the Geneva talks into panic — far more so than any previous Serbian or Croatian of-

By Milos Vasic fensive - provoking fits from Brigadier General Vere Hayes, chief of staff to the UN military commander

in Bosnia, hysterical chuckles from David Owen and assorted moans from the United Nations. In short, the Bosnians had learned their diplomacy the hard way. Appar-

Even if some settlement is found providing for a reduced Bosnian state, the convoluted lines will ensure small-scale war

ently, they are finally disposing of their illusions about "justice," "the sovereignty of an internationally recognized state" and being the victims who should be protected

for at least 10 years.

Negotiators, predictably, began re-peating their warnings about the "peace process" being "in danger." Mr. Tudjman and Slobodan Milose-vic of Serbia cheerfully joined in, repeating that they are for a "peaceful solution" now, when they have al-

most succeeded in carving up Bosnia-Herzegovina between them. Geneva has become an industry

for legitimizing war-crime profits and the embarrassing face-saving busi-ness of the Great Powers. Now it is time to sober up. No talks conducted with such self-delusion and self-indulgence can bring peace. Conquerors are never satisfied; on they go until faced with matching

strength. However shrewd and cre-ative, no diplomacy ever stopped them without a credible threat of force. Once the threat is credible, the opponent has to undertake that delicate business known as cost-benefit analysis, and then decide what to do. During the Geneva talks these principles have been utterly ignored by the so-called international com-

nity. But Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Tudjman always had them in their rotten little minds. So it must now be said loudly and

openly: There will be no peace in the Balkans for several years. Even if some settlement is found providing for a reduced Bosnian state, the lines of demarcation are so convoluted that there will be a small-scale war for at least the next 10 years. If that sounds bad enough, wait,

there is worse. The "bridge too close"

is the ideal warning against the stu-pidity of Western diplomacy. That diplomacy failed to notice some cru-cial facts because it let itself be diverted and swayed by Mr. Tudj-man's and Mr. Milosevic's street-

artist diplomatic antics.

The first fact is that there simply is not a monolithic Serbian interest. There are at least three factions: the Krajina Serbs of Croatia, the Bosnian Serbs and the Serbs of Serbia proper.

The pontoon bridge was sunk because the vital interests of the Krajina Scrbs are opposite to the interests of the Bosnian Scrbs. Krajina Scrbs an Serbs, Krajina Serbs cannot tolerate the re-establishment of the Croats' vital Zagreb-Adriatic link because they would have to safeguard their eastern flank. That the bridge supplied 700,000 Croats and their three army corps that fight with Serbs against the Bosnians does not weigh enough in the Krajina Serbs

cost-benefit analysis.

The Serbs of Serbia are fed up with not-quite-comprehensible wars, with totally comprehensible sanctions and with the fact that 20 percent of their GNP ends up with Bosnian and Kra-jina Serbs, raising inflation to a rate

of 2 to 3 percent an hour. The second forgotten fact is even more important; With the present ethnic demarcation lines, Serbs and Croats in the Balkans keep sharp knives at each others' jugulars: Kra-jina Serbs can easily out the crescent-shaped territory of Croatia — at the unfortunate pontoon bridge at Zadar and in the north at Karlovac, near Zagreb. They are likely to do it if they detect that Mr. Milosevic intends to settle for anything less than a sover-eign state for them in his dealings with Mr. Tudiman.

For the Croats, saying good-bye to a third of their previous territory is unthinkable. The Krajina Serbs know it and will present Mr. Milosevic with a fait accompli of total war with the Croats if he even tries to find a solu-tion satisfactory to the Croatian side. On the other hand, the Crosts con-

trol the vital corridor connecting eastern Bosnia and Serbia proper with Banja Luka in north-central Bosnia and Knin in Croatia. Without that corridor, the Serbs of the large Banja Luka-Knin area are in deep trouble, relying on thin reserves of food, fuel and ammunition. In this situation, their willingness

to wage total war is to be taken seriously. They know that the Croats can always try to side with the Bosnian government against the Serbs as circomstances dictate.

Whichever of the three misalliances - Croatian-Serbian, Croatian-Bosnian and Serbian-Bosnian - takes place in Bosnia, it will only mean more war. The same will happen in the south.

Since 1989 the West has been wringing its hands over Kosovo. Pundits and diplomatic mullahs warn of possible war in Kosovo and, for some reason, in Macedonia, too. They have not admitted that their handling of Bosnia's war will directly encourage Mr. Milosevic to try to reach for a new war in the south; he knows he

might well get away with it.

If he decides once again to "homogenize and mobilize" (his favorite words) the Serbs by inaugurating a crisis in Kosovo, will Mr. Tudiman resist the temptation to take advan-tage of Serbia's exhaustion and inability to stretch its forces on three fronts? Will Mr. Tudiman seek to redecan his own stapid policies that have gambled away a third of Cro-atia's lands? Hardly.

Resentment has grown beyond easy soothing, remorse beyond the point of repentance and grief beyond sensible forgiveness. The war will burn out when its fuels are depleted. This forecast, written by a clearheaded and desperate man, might be called emotional, or something equally dismissive. But what else can we

expect, given the facts?
Instead of the Carringtons, Vances, Owens and Stoltenbergs, a few tough, streetwise police inspectors would have resolved the Balkans crisis in a week or two, because it is so simple. It is a case of banal armed robbery.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: From Fort Gorilla LONDON - Professor Garner, an

American, left Liverpool last Sep-tember for South-West Africa, where he intended to lock himself in a steel cage in order to study the language of the monkey, and by the aid of the instruments, to place it on record. Captain Button brings a letter be has received from the profes-sor. This letter is dated from Fernan Varz, and is dated from his stee cage, which he has named Fort Gorilla. The professor is understood to have made great progress in his mis-sion, and has collected a very large number of curiosities and animals.

1918: Of Music and War

PARIS - About five weeks ago, General Pershing, who recognizes the great military value of good band music in wartime, invited Dr. Walter Damrosch, the dean of American orchestral conductors and for thirty-three years musical direc-

tor of the New York Symphony Society, who happened to be in France. to visit him in Headquarters. He wished to discuss the ways and means of improving the army bands of the A. E. F. As Congress had authorized the giving of commissions to army bandmasters, General Pershing desired that some examination as to their fitness to command be made by. competent authorities before they received their commissions.

1943: Himmler's Rise LONDON - [From our New York

edition:] Führer Adolph Hitler, apparently in the fear that the German home front is beginning to crack, appointed Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo (secret police), as Minister of the Interior today [Aug. 24] in a drastic shift of power in favor of Nazi extremists. D. N. B., the German official news agency, broadcast the news of the shake-up, the most important German political change since the war started.

Irma's Story Helped the Other Irmas WASHINGTON — Two weeks

W ago, half the world had its cyes fixed on a little girl named trma. The most lasting image of the war in Bosnia may, in fact, be the picture of Irma, her small body bent by the ravages of shrapnel, a child — suddenly everybody's child—in peril child — in peril.

Then the stirring story of Irma Hadzimuratovic changed, and soon the 5-year-old was appearing as a sentence in the third paragraph, or the fifth. Her picture was replaced by images of others — children, mostly — being evacuated from Sa-rajevo to hospitals in countries that lined up to help.

For all the media frenzy, for all the accusations that Western countries were acting out of guilt or staging a huge publicity stunt, this is the way that these stories ought to change.

Yes, we can deplore that there is hope for Irma Hadzimuratovic only because the world's journalists responded to a media-savvy doctor's plea. We can worry about this evidence of the media's power. And certainly we can shudder at the image of swarms of reporters and blazing television lights surround-ing traumatized patients in the airlifts that followed Irma's.

But the bottom line is not comdicated. Before the media told us about Irma, people were going to die who might now be saved. This time the press was a catalyst for something that most of us agree is good. And coverage of the subsequent airlifts was required of jour-nalists, if only to emphasize that there are others needing rescue. Maybe the Irma story is a mod-

el: Every story of one person who

needs help can be understood

By Joann Byrd

automatically - by the media and the public - to mean that this person is one of dozens or hundreds or millions. Irma's power to bring attention

to other critically ill people in Bos-nia is a function of something every journalist and many charities know: Any story of a single life makes it possible to convey a situation otherwise too vast or too terrible to comprehend The hate and the unremitting borror in the former Yugoslavia are difficult to fathom. What the Unit-

ed States and the world comm and diplomats ought to do about it, some of us do not know. But people who need to be evacuated to medical treatment? That we grasp. That we can do something about; that does not seem hopeless.

Irma Hadzimuratovic also trans-

fixed the world because the media gave her a name and a face. We heard a few other names as the evacuation broadened - Belma Shalaka, Edhem Dedovic, Eldar Kalamuji, Slobodan Cikovic, Amar Nevesinjac. But after we knew about Irma, and understood through her the precarious position of hundreds of other very sick and injured people, we wanted to know that the others were getting out.

When one person needs money for a kidney transplant, one family is devastated by fire, one person falls through the cracks, journalists worry that the one who gets into the paper will benefit from the public's humanity and generosity and that others in similar, maybe worse, straits won't

Help invariably follows from a

nveting story like Inna's, so choosing to tell this story (and not another one) feels a lot like playing God. There must be thousands of people who need rescue from somethi who also merit compassion or mon-ey or defense or medicine. Most of them, for a whole list of reasons, are

never given a name and a face.

And there are no standardized criteria for what can be lifesaving publicity, no grading against a scale. There is a journalist's experi-ence and judgment, often a twist to the story and, usually, someone who knew how to get a journalist

an outpouring of concern and assistance going only to people who have access to the pres But reality says that the press does not have the capacity to take every needy case to the public. And ely we do not accept the alternative of the media doing no stories of

people we want to help.

them) so vulnerable.

Nobody would find anything fair

So perhaps we remember Irma Hadzimuratovic. The broader good of telling the world about Irma started when the world heard the besides-Irma story. Maybe there is an equitable way to tell or hear any story about an Irma: This child (this family, this adult, this patient) is the poster child for whatever makes her (or

This is one actual human being who needs our assistance. But this life is also a symbol, an example, the flesh-and-blood representation of dozens or thousands of others. They are other Irmas, if you will, to whom we can reach out the

moment reports about Irms tell us of their plight. The Washington Post.

Catholicism: The Laity Will Keep Doing It Their Way in Bed

C HICAGO — It is time for those who are not Catholic to suspend their efforts to explain what Catholicism is to us who are Catholics — as many in the American media attempted to do during

the latest popery festival.

I had a (friendly) argument with
Sam Donaldson on ABC. He had
always understood, he said, that Catholicism is a list of doctrines and rules that you have to accept to be Catholic. If you do not accept them, then you are not a Catholic. Kind of an extended loyalty test.

I understand his problem. What he thinks is what many of us were taught in catechism class. But, being inside the church, we knew better than to take such rigidity seri-ously. I suppose outsiders have reason to be confused.

Catholicism is not an exclusivist sect with rigid boundaries. It is a rich, complex, diversified, pluralistic heritage. Anyone who has read Catholic history knows that its tra-dition has always been pluralistic' and that it has defined its boundaries out as far as possible, to in-

clude everyone it can.
In the words of one of the great Catholic theologians of this century,
James Joyce, Catholicism means
HCE — Here Comes Everyone.
Canon law recognizes this. You
stop being a Catholic not when you

break a rule, not when you disagree with the pope, but only when you

By Andrew Greeley

to lurk in the imagination. Once a Catholic, always a Catholic.

The idea that "cafeteria Catholicism," as the media people are pleased to call it, is unique to our time and indeed to America is historically absurd. The pope and the bishops may tell Catholics what rules they are supposed to keep, but even church leaders know better than to threaten to toss you out if you don't keep the rules. We do not do excom cations any more, and we never

did them all that much. Moreover, the Inquisition is long since out of business, and the "secular authority" is no longer in the hip pocket of the Catholic leadership (although until recently it did conspire in many places to cover up sexual abuse by priests). As for what goes on in the marriage bed, the laity have traditionally gone their own way, and the church has traditionally let them.

Thus, in the last century, while the French were resolving their demographic revolution by coitus in-terruptus, the Vatican repeatedly told the French hierarchy not to trouble the consciences of the mar-ried laity. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, warned the clergy to leave the laity alone formally and explicitly renounce on the subject of marriage rela-your faith or join another religious on the subject of marriage rela-tions. Pope Leo XIII wrote his en-

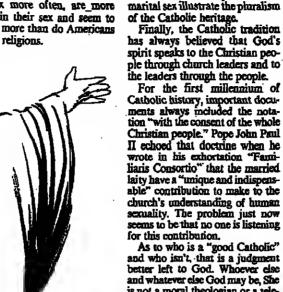
denomination. Even then, the imagery and stories of Catholicism and did not once mention contraagery and stories of Catholicism and did not once mention contra-are so powerful that they continue ception. Harassing the laity on marital sex is, in great part, a devel-

opment of the last 70 years. St. Augustine, who has dominated official theological thinking on the subject, argued that sex was justified only for procreation and was even then sinful because of extended to the husband). loss of control. But most lay people

did not read St. Augustine (because for most of the time they could not read) and they did hear goodness and holiness of the huthe marriage liturgy in which the union between man and woman was compared to that between

man body and the virtue of marital uninn. God and the church, the marriage bed was blessed and prayers were said that the wife be "compliant and vigorous" in bed — prayers have sex more often, are more that we would now want to see playful in their sex and seem to

The second tradition appears to enioy it more than do Americans Other saints - Gregory of Na- of nther religions.



and whatever else God may be, She is not a moral theologian or a television anchorwoman

It is not my intent to argue

about the birth control controver-sy — although the laity and the

parish clergy have elected to ig-nore the Vatican's teaching, which

no one claims to be "infallible."

I contend merely that the practi-

cal conclusions drawn in different

times and different places about

Father Greeley is a professor of sociology at the University of Chicago; his latest novel is "Fall From Grace." He contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No to Neopacifism

Regarding "Give Peace a Chance" (Letters, Aug. 19):

Françoise Pottier's argument for "giving peace a chance" is flawed on several counts. First, it fails to recognize that by imposing the arms embargo, the "international community" has already intervened in favor of Serbia. Second, it tumps together all wars — wars of aggression, wars of national defense and wars fought to prevent rogue states from conquering their neighbors. Of this last type, American intervention in World War I, World War II and the Gulf War

come to mind The United Nations, which is not a sovereign political entity but merely a collection of divergent interests, is not capable of effective military action, and its soldiers are in consequence reduced to the role of impotent spectators, hostages to the aggressor's whim. Just as we need police forces at home, so do we need them in the world at large. In that real world, today, only nation-states, singly or in concert, can do the job. We may deplore this, but "negotiations" and 'peaceful alternatives" won't change it. Neo-pacifism merely secures the impunity of the aggressor and the helplessness of the victim.

JOAN BERNARD.

A Front-Page Picture The top of your front page of July 20 displayed a large photo-graph of Palestinian women protesting the continued expulsion from Israel of men alleged in be active in Arab terrorist organiza-tions. The photograph related to nn story in that edition.

All I can conclude from the editorial judgment of selecting that pho-tograph to display so prominently is a blatant anti-Israel bias. In our eyes it was unworthy of your usually high standards of journalism.

JUDEA B. MILLER. Rochester, New York.

Tragedy in East Timor

Regarding "Suharto Defends East Timor Takeover" (July 8):

You report that Suharto told President Bill Clinton that Indonesia invaded East Timor to end a civil war. He also claimed that the Indonesian government's actions were based on "respect for the human rights of the people of East Timor." However, he omitted to mention that Indonesia played a major role in provoking the civil war in East Timor in 1975.

The Indonesian invasion and the acts of genocide thet followed have been well documented: over one-third of the population has been killed and thousands of civilians have been arrested without trial, or subjected to torture.

It is heartening to see that President Clinton and his administra-

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role in supporting the United Nations in its efforts to end the continuing human rights abuses by the Indonesian Army and government personnel in East Timor.

ESTEVAO CABRAL.

A UN Panel of Sages Regarding "UN Multilateralism:

Cure for Ugly New Nationalisms" Opinion, Aug. 21):

Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali has given us an original, sober appraisal of the gigantic tasks facing the United Nations. He writes: "Member states have

heaped new responsibilities on the organization. The danger, expense and scale of new operations exceed anything in the United Nations' history and are unique in the record of international affairs."

The secretary-general has, of course, scores of high-level aides to manage the secretariat and the nnmerous peacekeeping operations. What the secretary-general now needs, to help him in what he calls "a difficult endeavor with" far

reaching and uncertain conse-quences," is a policy advisory panel of perhaps 10 men and women of international stature, in their private capacities. Candidates might include Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Léopold Senghor. Benazir Bhutto, Sadruddin Aga Khan, and Brian Urquhart, to name a few.

There is nothing in the UN Charter to prevent the secretary-general from establishing such a group. True, it would be without precedent, but then everything the United Nations is doing these days is without precedent. RAMSES NASSIF.

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A Call for Liter-Ship

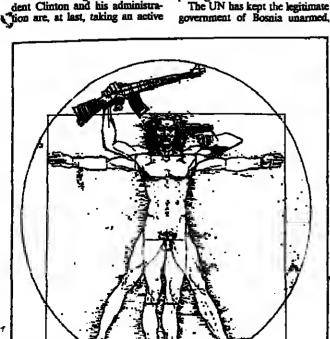
Regarding "Good News From Europe and Japan" (Opinion, Aug. 10) by C. Fred Bergsten:

There can be no doubt that exports are of vital importance to the United States. As to the "unless something else is done" mentioned by Mr. Bergsten, may I suggest that this something else is the full adoption of the metric system, to which the rest of the industrial world adheres.

KARL STEINER.

The UN Role in Bosnia

Have any of the UN promise vorked to stop the Serbs in Bosnia? Of course not. The only thing that got the Serbs to withdraw from two of the mountains overlooking Sarajevo was the threat of attack by the U.S. Air Force. That alone proves that force, or a threat of force, carries more weight with the Serbs than all of the negotiators put together.
The UN has kept the legitimate



Man's Inhumanity to Man

and now the UN is pressuring the the International Herald Tribune Bosnian government to accept de-feat — defeat which came only because of the weapons embargo against the Bosnians.

The UN has shown again that it cannot always be trusted to be imtims. It has allowed an aggressor. Serbia, to get away with the conquest of 70 percent of Bosnia, the murder of 200,000 Bosnians and the torture and/or rape of many

> STJEPAN BALOG. Warren, Michigan.

Paganism and the Pope En route home by air, one day

after having witnessed the Palio, a centuries-old horse race that takes place twice a year in the main of Siena, I was startled by a story in around the square.

("Pope Warns of Pagan Aspects to Feminism," July 3), which said that Pope John Paul II had denounced forms of nature worship and the celebration of myths and symbols cannot always be trusted to be im-partial or take the side of the vic-of the Christian faith."

> Early in the morning of the Palio, each jockey is given commu-nion outside the cathedral in the main square, and, early in the afternoon, the horse that represents each district of the city is led by its jockey into the local church where, before hundreds of parishioners. the horse and rider are blessed by

Only a few hours after this rite Fish and the Future on July 2, two of the nine horses that had run lay dead, having suffered serious injuries that required them to be shot. Several other horssquare of the northern Italian city es were hurt badly after three laps

Sienese know that a particular hairpin turn in the track results in spills that often cause terrible inju-ry to horses (and sometimes to tid-ers) and even death. That is why some spectators gather early to re-

serve a place at that spot.

paid nn heed as they he moribund during and after this brutal and grotesque event. Should the Pope fleets, as a whole, are cut back to not use his good office to stop such paganis

A. BERNARD ACKERMAN.

Regarding the editorial "Plundering the Seas" (Aug. 3):

The fishing industry continues to maintain relentless pressure for further expansion — the unstated

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price being the protein supplies of nan generations.

Only a global, binding decision to carry out the relevant provisions of the Law of the Sea treaty and the decisions of last year's Earth Summit can assure any long-term fu-Hnrses that hours before were ture for fishing and its not insig-consecrated in religions rites are nificant social benefits. Even that will be painful since sustainability can only be assured if the fishing half their present size.

SIDNEY J. HOLT. Città della Pieve, Italy.

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Without My Rocker Life Isn't the Same

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, North Carolina — When we return for the 20th time in as many years to our summer rental cottage. I think of stories in which houses play a role, stories hike E.M. Forster's "Howards End," Henry James's "The Spoils of Poynton" or, more to the point, Virginia Woolf's memorable exercise in wistful impression-

ism, "To the Lighthouse."
The two families who have vacationed here together for so

MEANWHILE

very long have collectively inted years of our lives in this rented house by the sea. As in marriage, we are connected to it

for better or worse.

It is an old-fashioned beach cottage, immune thus far to the creeping gentrification that now threatens with the completion of a nearby interstate highway link. From the high wraparound porch with the green railings, one surveys 270 glorious degrees of sound and sea and symphonies of mood and color. On a good day with a good drink in hand there is no place closer to heaven. there is no place closer to heaven. And that is why the rocking chairs matter.

There were a dozen or so when we first came to this house. Even when we weren't sitting in them we could watch them gently nod-ding in the sea breeze, as if tem-porarily claimed by benign but invisible spirits. But as the years passed, they wore out and were replaced by trashy plastic chairs, the sort you buy at some populistic emporium for \$5. For watch-ing sailboats glide through brisk white-capped afternoons, plastic chairs are not suitable.

A year ago we were solemnly assured that the matter of the vanishing rockers had been taken in hand, that even as we spoke the owner was on his way to a distant furniture city to buy a truckload of new rush-bottomed chairs. Imagine, therefore, our surprise and indignation when we arrived this year to find that yet another rocker had failed and that the plague of plastic continued.

I confronted the rental agents.

Why had they told us they were buying new rocking chairs if they weren't? They laughed,

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I huffed out of the rental agency and gunned the car backward, not seeing a cumningly placed low wooden post just behind me. There was a scraping sound. It was the fender — \$600, with a \$250 deductible, for the luxury of going ballistic over the rocking chairs. Whom the gods would impoverish, they first anger.

I know what you are thinking that in the cosmic order of things, with danger and starvation and other old enemies of oan happiness stalking the world, this is a very small matter.

Yes. But in our kind of vacation, changelessness is of the essence, so much so that buying a different brand of breakfast marmalade can precipitate a crisis. In this house now so deeply woven into our summer lives and psyches, change is the enemy. If the rocking chairs go, what or who will be next? "Probably the beds will be gone next year." Uncle Maurice speculated.

Virginia Woolf understood. A seaside vacation is like no other. Philosophers would say it is because the sea, our primordial source and mother, yearns to swallow and reclaim us, with our fragile accoutrements and geegaws, including rocking chairs.

In the "Time Passes" chapter of "To the Lighthouse," Virgin-ia Woolf rubs the point in. She imagines the wind and weather overtaking the Ramsays' empty cottage: "It was left like a shell on a sandhill to fill with dry salt grains now that life had left it. The long night seemed to have set in. The trilling airs, nibbling, the clammy breaths, fumbling, seemed to have triumphed. The saucepan bad rusted and the mat decayed ... A thistle thrust itself between the tiles ... The swallows nested in the drawing

room. The floor was strewn with straw, the plaster fell in shovelfuls, rafters were laid bare-... What power could now prevent the fertility, the insensisility of nature?"

No power, to be sure; change is the law of life. Next time the rocking chair issue threatens to become infuriating. I shall mix another rum and tonic and give thanks for what remains. It will certainly be cheaper.

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Suspect Ship From China Sailing to Saudi Port

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MANAMA, Bahrain - A Chinese ship suspected to be carrying chemical-weapon materials to Iran headed Tuesday for a port in Saudi Arabia after China agreed to a

search of the cargo.
The ship sailed through the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf, shadowed by a U.S. Navy destroyer, said Lieutenant Commander Bruce Cole, spokesman for the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command that operates in the Gulf.

The Chinese vessel had been bound for Dubai, where its cargo was to have been transferred to another ship and taken to Iran. But Dubai refused to let it dock after it received information from U.S. intelligence reports that the

cargo included chemicals used to make mustard gas, oerve gas and blistering agents. China insisted that there was oo prohibited material on board and refused to permit inspections, stranding the ship for three weeks. Captain Rude Chang, the skip-per, said by ship-to-shore tele-phooe that he was going to the

Saudi port of Damma Until now, no Gulf nation had agreed to let the ship dock and be arched, possibly to avoid offend-

ing Iran.
Shipping agents in the United Arah Emirates confirmed that the vessel, with about 30 crewmen, was

Both Captain Chang and Commander Cole said they did oot know why the freighter was finally allowed to enter the Gulf. But it appeared a deal had been struck between the Americans, the Chioese and the Gulf states to eod the

In Beijing, the official Xinhua press agency said a Chinese team left for Saudi Arahia on Tuesday to take part in the inspection. The team is headed by a senior Foreign

that the Chinese vessel be searched by the U.S. Navy, but later agreed that the operation could be carried out hy a ocutral party, in this case Saudi Arabia. (AP, AFP)



3 DIE IN SOUTH AFRICA UNREST - An injured man being carried from a demonstration on Tuesday at Witwatersrand University after unidentified attackers threw tear gas at the protesters. In the Phola Park squatter camp near Johannesburg, two men and a 4-year-old girl were killed in clashes between troops and residents, witnesses and the African National Congress said.

RANGERS: Heading to Somalia

withdrawal. One official said then, however, that the United States would oot withdraw its forces until steps had been taken to "erode" Geoeral Aidid's power.

The elimination of General Aidid has become a preoccupation of U.S. forces in Somalia. He is regarded by Washington as the main obstacle to political reconciliation in the country, which has been ravaged by two years of civil war.

A State Department official said the Rangers would provide "more options" to accomplish an array of missioos, including the apprehen-sioo of General Aidid. These soldiers can do things above and beyond what regular soldiers can do." the official said.

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United Nations, the Rangers agency said Tuesday.

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in Mogadishu. The landscape bas changed in Mogadishu, and you oeed special units to deal with it," the State Department official said.

Pentagon officials say they are eager to bring the Somalia mission 10 a close hut recognize that they cannot leave now. "I think we're more or less in for the long haul," said a senior army officer.

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MOSCOW - Seven people were killed wheo a Russian military transport plane crashed near Vol-Besides capturing General Aidid gograd after three of its four en-and other associates wanted by the gines failed, the Interfax news

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speculated in recent weeks that

such an alliance, similar to the coalition that ruled West Germany in the late 1960s, seems increasingly likely because of declining public support for the Social Democrats and Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats. Recent polls indicate that neither party is favored by more

than about a third of the electorate. In the 662-seat Bundestag, the Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian sister, the Christian liberal Free Democratic Party, which is now the junior partner in sary, the party leadership pulled Mr. Kohl's coalition, has 79 seats, back Tuesday from any deeper inwhile the opposition Social Demo-

crauc Party has 239. But the liberals are also slumping in the polls, which could make it impossible for Mr. Kohl to assem-

"The conflict we have in Germa-

Many Social Democratic Party members believe that the 1949 antimilitarist constitution prohibits German comhat operations abroad, and the party has refused to help provide the two-thirds majority in the parliament necessary to amend the constitution. Mr. Ver heugen said the party had agreed that German troops could take part in UN peacekeeping missions but that it was necessary to draw a clear

Mr. Kohl's Christian Democats, by contrast, after two days of closed-door meetings in Berlin, announced that "our position is clear and precise: the German army can be deployed in UN missions.

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post, saying be would devote him-self to literature.

and two feliow Palestinian peace

negotiators, Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erekat, offered their resigna-

tions, too, in protest against deals

they said Mr. Arafat was making

behind their backs with Israel and

Haidar Abel-Shafi, the influential leader of the negotiating Pales-tinian team called last month for

"greater democracy" within the PLO and "a collective leadership"

On Monday, the commander of

Palestinian troops in Lebanon, Munir Maqdah, called for the res-

ignation of Mr. Arafat, stating to

reporters in Sidon, Lebanon, that the financial crisis had reduced

Speaking of Mr. Arafat, he said.

He who is tired, let him take a rest.

The others will continue with the

The problems have accumulated

PLO fighters to "beggars."

the United States.

to replace Mr. Arafat.

Earlier this month, Mr. Husseini

needed to govern, unless be finds a new coalition partner in the Social Democratic Party.

As Mr. Scharping noted Tuesday, however, "It is absolutely clear that there are deep differences of opinion between the SPD and the CDU."

Among the bitterest disagreements is over the use of German military power. Although Mr. Scharping had tried to nudge his party toward a compromise that would allow German soldiers to Social Union, hold 319 seats. The join United Nations-sponsored missions even if fighting was necesvolvement.

> oy," the Social Democratic Party manager, Günter Verheugen, said at a news briefing, "is about whether our armed forces can be deployed for wars that have nothing to do with the defense of our country. The answer of the SPD is that our armed forces cannot be used for this."

line between such operations and combat operations.

Life, Death and a Giant Dam Is India Project to Be a 'Man-Made Disaster'? mental and cultural destruction on a scale so massive that the benefits of the project will pale in comparison

to the damage it will cause.

Opponents say the project will uproot more than 200,000 people and affect the lives of nearly a million

more. They say it will obliterate ancient tribal cultures, gobble hundreds of thousands of acres of forests and

agricultural land, wipe out a fisheries industry that

supports thousands of people and change forever the

The arguments over the Narmada dam project echo

a growing debate around the world over the costs and

benefits of massive Third World development pro-

nizations and industrialized nations and built in coun-

tries where opponents say the poorest people suffer

These dams are discriminating against the small guys and future generations," said Ashish Kothari, a leading environmentalist in India.

The World Bank first lent India \$10 million in 1979 to held learned.

to help launch appraisals to begin construction of the project, which had been under discussion since 1931. With environmental impact studies far from complete, the World Bank decided in 1985 to give India a \$450

million loan for the vast irrigation and hydroelectric

Pressure from environmentalists around the world

opposing the project became so intense that the World Bank, in an unusual move, ordered an independent

The review was scathing and attacked virtually

every aspect of the program, including the bank's participation: "The Sardar Sarovar projects, as they stand, are flawed; resettlement and rehabilitation of all those displaced by the projects is not possible.

The environmental impacts of the projects have not been properly considered or adequately addressed.

The reviewers wrote that they found "good reason to believe the control of the projects have not believe the control of the projects in the projects in the projects is not possible."

to believe the projects will not perform as planned" and recommended that the bank "step back from the

The bank continued funding, despite objections

Now, six years after India began construction of the

the first villages are being submerged years before

jects. Most of them are funded by multinational orga-

course of one of India's most sacred rivers.

most and gain least from the programs.

review of the plans in 1991.

By Molly Moore

GADHER, India - The nearby village where Simaji Nogrya's tribe has lived for more generations than he can count has disappeared, taking his home, his crops and a centuries-old way of life.

Magdhara, once a hamlet of straw huts nestled in the rugged Narmada Valley, where Rudyard Kipling set many of his stories, was swallowed a few weeks ago by the backwaters of one of the largest dam and irrigation undertakings in the world: the Sardar Saro-

var project.
Magdhara was only the first victim of the project. which is designed to reroute the waters and tributaries of the 1,300-kilometer (800-mile) Narmada River in west-central India. An estimated 245 villages and tens of thousands of people lie in the path of progress.

The \$11 billion project, fieled by good intentions and money from the world's richest nations, has become an international symbol of environmental, political and make a politica ical and cultural calamity. The project is now so controversial that even though it already has destroyed villages and displaced thousands of people it

It is one of the great man-made disasters of this country," said Medha Patkar, leader of the grass-roots Save Narmada Movement, which has helped draw worldwide attention to the vast project.

Criticism has become so severe that the World Bank, for the first time, has turned against a project it helped create and has begun to reassess proposed and ongoing dam and irrigation projects it supports throughout the developing world, bank officials say.

The Indian government says the project will be a lifeline that will bring drinking and irrigation water to one of the country's most drought-prone regions. It points to water shortages so severe that drinking water now has to be brought to some rural areas by rail during the worst droughts.

"If this project is not completed, the people in this area will be deprived of the right to live," a senior project official said. "There is no other source of

India and snakes west to the Arabian Sea. By the time the river and its 41 inbutaries have been diverted, squeezed and pinched by the planned web of 30 lange dams, 135 medium-sized dams, 3,000 small dams and thousands of kilometers of concrete-lined irrigation canals, only a trickle of the river will reach the sea.

irrigation, government officials say, the huge dams will provide a major source of electricity to powerstarved regions eager to attract new industry.

Critics say the dam program represents environ-

project and consider it afresh." from American and Japanese representatives, but gave India until last March to meet a series of rigid demands covering the environment and resettlement of

The Narmada River begins in the heart of central

In addition to providing water for drinking and

villagers. The government could not meet the deadlines and elected to give up World Bank funding rather than try to meet the dea project's centerpiece — the main Sardar Sarovar Dam

the first farmer will receive a drop of water. As financing becomes a greater hurdle, many experts say the project will not be finished by its deadline date of 2000, and may never be completed.

ARSON: German Town Said to Have Sought Attacker restrictions took effect July 1, and "I can confirm that people had

Centinued from Page 1 youth threw a firebomb, and the

hostel burst into flames. The chief watchman, Gerd Krü-ger, was quoted in a Berlin newspaper as saying that an alarm was raised seconds later, but that fire trucks did not arrive for 40 minntes. The newspaper said a "victory celebration" broke out in the vil-

age later that day. No arrests were made until May, when the police detained a 19-yearold man from Königs Wusterhau-sen, a section of eastern Berlin close to Dolgenbrot where rightist about his participation in the tire bombing, and was found to own a car like the one seen on the night of the attack.

The youth, identified as Silvio J.,

over years, but they have now over-

flowed as the peace talks enter the stage of actual deals and the finan-

One trigger has been an offer Mr. Arafat made to Israel in secret talks held over the past few weeks to

grant Palestinian autonomy over

the troublesome Gaza Strip and the town of Jericho in the West Bank in

return for postponing a discussion of the status of Jerusalem and the

rest of the West Bank of Jordan held by Israel since 1967. Informa-

tion about this deal pushed Mr. Husseini to offer his resignation,

It remains true, however, that while all of these criticisms are

Mr. Arafat and the PLO are in

trouble because the moment of

truth for Palestinians appears over

the horizon. The vast array of Pal-

estinian movements - intellectu-

als, revolutionaries and the masses

living under Israeli occupation in

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at first denied his role, but later confessed and told the police he had been paid for his participation. Press reports say the amount paid for the firebombing was 2,000 Deutsche marks (\$1,250). The money is said to have been secretly collected from town residents.

strong feelings against the asylum home," the town's mayor, Ute Preissler, said Tuesday. "The mood in town was emotionally heated up about the way the home was being and the way the home was being." put there despite people's concerns and fears."

"What I cannot confirm is that there was a collection of money," she added. "That has to be determined by the investigations that are underway. I have no knowledge that something like that happened. and certainly no evidence." A member of Dolgenbrodt's vol-

youths often congregate. The say. unteer fire department. Klaus pett had been heard bragging. Walzer said he also doubted the about his participation in the firm allegation.

"I can't imagine that people here would collect money for something like that," Mr. Walzer said. "But on Israelis Reject the other hand, today anything is possible. That's a fact." possible. That's a fact.

In Germany, as in other West European countries, immigration has become an inflammatory public issue. Under intense public pressure, the German parliament voted earlier this year to impose tight restrictions on asylum-seekers. The

although no official figures have been released, the number of asy. him-seekers entering Germany ap-pears to have dropped considera-

Supporters argued that the new law was necessary to prevent the arrival of a flood of "economic refngces" falsely claiming to be politically persecuted. They warned that the presence of such immigrants was awakening dangerous racist . sentiment among Germans.

Critics of the law said that by passing it, parliament was suc-cumbing to violent pressure ap-plied by firebenibers in places like a

Report on Missile

JERUSALEM — Israel on Tuesmight have understated the cost of its American funded Arrow antiballistic missile and suggestions that Arrow technology had been passed to a third party.

PLO: Arafat Leadership Falters at a Critical Moment "Israel has neither diverted oor transferred any U.S. technology or any information generated in the Arrow program to any third par-ty," the Defense Ministry said. It are agonizing over the harvest ofty," the Defense Ministry said. It said Israel had "meticulously adhered" to the terms and conditions of U.S.-Israeli agreements on the

> The General Accounting Office, the U.S. Congress's investigative agency, said Monday that the Unit-ed States might be drawn into paying for most of the system without sound information on the Arrow's peared to be a hawk holding out for performance. The Accounting Office said Israel's cost estimates "may be understated."

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These remaining choices fall far

short of the most minimal Palestinian aspirations of a decade ago...
As Palestinians are pushed into a corner on controversial decisions of how much land to settle for and

bitter choices ahead.

how many concessions they will have to make to Israel to end a 45year-long conflict, these problems are going to grow. -Mr. Arafat, who has always aphardest Palestinian positions, is now accused of selling out just be-

cause "he wants to be president of state on any piece of land." That statement, echoing a widespread view, was made by a West Bank resident, Ibrahim Hassan, who spent two years in Israeli priso

Mr. Aralat is dropping in Pales-tinian esteem just as he has begun to achieve his goal of having the PLO recognized by Israel as the real representative of the Palestinin favor of a historic compromise with the Israelis.

Paris Bans a Minced Pork

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ONDON — If there saything worse than an old pock musical it is a new rock musical, and sure enough, along with all those old ones clustering up the West End, we now have a new one at the Cambridge, Billed as "a musical tribute to the hip and funky "The "Mark State". 70s "Hot Staff" turns out to be a mind-headingly shlocky horror show that has taken two years to reach London from Leicester and should have taken several more decades.

The plot, such as it isn't, concerns a young nerd call Joe Soap who sells his soul to the devil in a Faustian pact to become the biggest rock star in

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the world. Mephistopheles is therefore reincarnated as Mavis de Follies, an artist's agent, and we go rapidly to the devil from there.

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At times Paul Kerryson, as director-deviser, seems to be parodying the rock stars of 20 years ago, and the high spot of the show is a wonderfully bad-taste mockery of the blind Peters and Lee. At other times, he seems vaguely interested in an update of the Fanst legend, but mainly he appears to be just interested in having a lot of derelict old pop hits sung very loudly by a cast that seems to have had talent and charisma bypasses early in rehearsal

In a production on which every conceivable expense has been spared, a few tacky old press-cuttings are projected onto a screen to remind us of random "70s happenings largely concerned with John Lemon; but as the Bearles spent most of this decade in higstion, the most has to be drawn from other sources.

The main achievement of "Hot Stuff" is to

remind us of what an appalling decade the 70s was for popular music, except perhaps on Broadway. Kerryson is a distinguished Sondheim director, and would be wise to go back to him.

It is a curious indictment of both the National

The are and the Royal Shakespeare Company that neither has ever dared go near Shelley's "The Cenci." Reckoned by many the finest tragedy is the fire of Shelley's moral indignation at a written in the 100 years from 1790, it was his only completed stage play and has about it echoes both.

of classical Greek tragedy and of Shakespearean verse. Precisely the kind of work that subsidized verse. Precisely the kind of work that subsidized companies were created to perform, it has been left to a fringe group, the Dammed Poets Theatre Company, to bring "The Cenci" to London (at the Lyric Studio) for its first professional production here in more than 30 years.

True, this is a complex and tricky tragedy to stage, for precisely which reason it could benefit from more technical and artistic resources than are available here.

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What is extraordinary is that in his late 20s, only three years before his death, Shelley, with no real disanstic experience except that of his private life, was able to achieve something on this Shakespearean scale: the tale of the evil Count Francesco. Cenci, a real-life nobleman of the 16th century whose crucity was so monumental that finally his daughter Beatrice rebelled.

When, after her father has killed two of her

brothers and held a banquet to celebrate the mur-ders, the Pope refuses to intervene. Beatrice takes the matter into her own hands, arranging with considerable difficulty and at least one false start to have her father assessinated.

Brought to trial with her mother and brothers,

she behaves in court like an amalgam of Portia and Isabella, chastising an archaic, male-oriented society that has stood behind her father because of his establishment credentials, blinding itself to his readily apparent evil.

The play, which was originally banned for almost a century, first came into its own during the 1920s when Sybil Thorndike make it ber own. Indeed it was at a performance of "The Cenci" that Bernard Shaw said "I have found my St. Joan." The role is a tough one, since Beatrice really comes into her own only during the trial and is, unlike Portia, not given much of a life outside it. But working in Sydnee Blake's fine production, Louise Bangay has much of the fire of triumphant moral innocence against the Mafia count of Craig Pinder.

- Elsewhere in the cast, Jason Morell and Andrew Hawkins, are powerful in revenge and treachery, while on an evidently limited budget a brave attempt has been made to bring back a play for too long lost. The fire that drives "The Cenci"



David Dale as Helen in Paul Kerryson's "Hot Stuff" at the Cambridge.

Supertitles? The Met Finally Comes Around

By Allan Kozinn
New York Times Service

EW YORK - After years of refusing to consider the use of supertitles — projected translations of opera texts — the Metropolitan Opera has abandoned its objections. In a major change of policy, the company has been experimenting with a title system that its officials hope will overcome both technical and philosophical problems. The system may be in place for the opening of

Joseph Volpe, the company's general manager, said that he and James Levine, the company's artistic director, objected in principle to supertitles because they were distracting. But he said that for the sake of attracting oew audiences, and to make less-

familiar repertory more attractive to

operagoers, they had concluded that utiles were necessary.

The company said it hoped to develop a new system in which would be wired into small screens would be wired into the backs of the Met's 3,800 seats, the backs of the instead of the conventional system that uses a projection strip above house's 3.800 seats. the stage. Because the Met prosec-

nium is so high, people in the front section of the orchestra would have to crane their necks to read the standard screen, and the view from some boxes would be obstructed.
"To make it possible for everyone to see the screen," Volpe said, "it would have to be lowered, and the beights of the majority of our

productions would have to be adjusted. And that's something we're not prepared to do. So we have been exploring new technologies."

Although the Met has not yet produced a prototype, its plans call for a screen two inches high and eight inches wide that would display a

computer-generated text. The screens at the seats could be turned off, giving operagoers the choice of using them or not. Volpe said that the company planned to build the system itself, and was experimenting with filters that would make it impossible for anyone other than the person facing the screen -

even the person in the adjacent seat - to see the titles. Most of the major American opera companies, including the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the San Francisco Opera and the New York City Opera, have been using supertitles for much of the last decade, and all say that audience response has been overwhelmingly favorable.

HOSE who believe in titles say they make opera accessible to people who do not know foreign languages and who do not want to invest time in learning the libretto before attending a performance. Opponents say they distract attention from the drama on the stage and in the music, lead audiences to laugh in the wrong places, and sometimes convey imprecise or misleading renderings of what

Levine has loog opposed supertitles for these reasons. Io 1985, he said in an interview: "Over my dead body will they show those things at this house. I cannot imagine out wanting the audience riveted on the performance." ers at every moment."

When the Kirov Opera performed at the Met last summer, its directors complained that they were prohibited from using their own supertitle system in the house. At the time, Met officials said there were technical problems, but it was widely believed that the company was simply upholding its aversion to projected translations and forestalling pressure to adopt the use of supertitles for the Met's own productions.

But Levine has accepted the use of subtitles with Metropolitan Opera telecasts, and he did not object to the use of supertitles in performances he cooducted during the Met's tour of Japan this summer.

After Modernism, What? A Natural Turn to Baroque

By John Rockwell

ALZBURG - The dominant composer at this sum-mer's Salzburg Festival is Claudio Monteverdi, and

as a welcome antidote to the bathos. of Romanticism. But the modernist enthusiasm hardly accounts for the both activity and artistic results, bethera of promunent, critically, was the Belgian countertenor applauded stagings of Baroque op turned conductor René Jacobs.

cra that have taken place all season. Crucially important, to be sure,

throughout Europe. One explanation is almost contradictory. The recent rediscovery of feeling in the Baroque has allowed these operas to transcend mere structuralism, to regain sentiperformances and to claim an even. America have private impresarios

wider andience. Another reason for or directors of major opera houses its success, in France in particular, shown the ability or the willingness was the remarkable impact last to commit resources on a regular year of Alain Cornean's film about basis to stagings of Baroque operas, ithe composer Marin Maraia, "Tous But there is, I would argue, yet les Matus du Monda." A third was another reason for the popularity of Baroque opera productions the piquant tension between how they are played and sung and how they are played and sung and how they

least two more in concert form. Nearly as successful, in terms of

is the sheer ability of state-supported European opera houses to af-ford lavish Baroque stagings: American interest in Baroque mu-sic is keen, even if New York may lag behind such centers as Boston ment stripped by excessively purist and San Francisco. But nowhere in

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ban Stockholm, the most perfectly which might seem extraordinarily preserved Baroque theater in the artificial today.

One reason contemporary impreillusive commodity, "authenticity," so little of how singers and actors with period instruments and careful and dancers of the time actually stage directors for opera of all kinds, scares directors by its distance from Baroque and beyond, normally seek contemporary practice; modern audiences, they worry, would be alien-This is true even at the Drott-uingbolm Court Theater in subur-crease 17th- and 18th-century styles,

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THE Reader's Digest is the Rodney Dangerfield of American journalism, beloved by untold millions in the provinces but denied a scintilla of respect in the elite, establishmentarian circles where reputations are inflated or

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Generalizations are always risky, but let's try one anyway. In the history of journalism no publication has labored under a greater discrepancy between reputation and actuality than the Reader's Discrepancy.

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at the starting blocks by the Di-gest's international readership of 100 million, reached in nearly three dozen editions published in more than a dozen languages — not to mention the Digest's various opera-

Heidenry clearly if not unreservedly admires Wallace. He agrees

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research account executive at Chilton in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Mr. Luker, who was trained as a social psychologist treating

adolescents, described the service as the culmination of a decade of efforts—including "about eight years' worth of failure"—trying "to videotape people in their natural settings."

During a recent visit to New York, Mr. Luker and Carrie

Hartman, a special projects manager at Chilton, played a greatest-hits videotape of telling, compelling moments from Right There Research projects and tests. Some footage was hilarious, like a woman narrating a tour of the

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"After about 10 hours of tape, you can tell where the hamming is taking place and where people are being serious," he explained. "By then, they get used to the idea of having a camera and get back to being themselves."

Hongkong Bank Moves to Cool Property Fever

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Taking aim at real estate speculators who have belped send prices soaring, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. on Tuesday introduced a package of regulations it hopes will stabi-lize the volatile market for residential

The measures by the British colony's largest mortgage-lending concern gained tacit approval from a Hong Kong government wortied that the market is overhearing. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority suggested that banks do whatever they deem necessary to calm a market that holds much of the colony's private wealth and is integral to its stock market's health.

But short of reducing the amount it will employing expatriates and shortages of af-lend to home buyers, analysts said, the fordable accommodation for those whose But short of reducing the amount it will

measures by Hongkong Bank and its affiliate, Hang Seng Bank, were unlikely to bring prices back from levels that have ances.

Hongkong Bank, which called a news that its new mortgages were valued at 60 percent more than last year.

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"I don't think it will have a significant impact," said Robert Couchman, a partner with Brooke Hillier Parker, property consultant and chartered surveyor. "But it's very difficult for the banks to do anything

Fueled by a booming local economy and a flood of funds from China seeking a haven from inflation and currency depreciation, average apartment prices in cramped Hong Kong rose by 13 percent to 15 per-cent in the first six months of this year. Prices at the higher end of the market

grew at least 20 percent, contributing to prohibitive leaps in costs for companies

conference to announce technical changes

'We are saying we have too much business in this particular category.'

Edwin Lau, Hongkong Bank's assistant general manager for retail banking

in its lending practices that would favor genuine home buyers over speculators, said it had 33 percent more new mortgage ac-counts in July than it had a year earlier and

ness in this particular category," said Edwin Lau, Hongkong Bank's assistant general manager for retail banking. If we continue with this sort of lending there must be a point where we don't feel com-

Further proof of recent price rises and a sharp upturn in property transactions surfaced in statistics released Tuesday by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, which is momitoring the bubble for signs of burst-

The authority said home-mortgage lending had grown at an annualized rate of 30.2 percent in July. It was the fastest pace since the end of 1991, when the colony's banks the end of 1991, when the colony's banks agreed to cool an outbreak of property speculation that had thousands of people of particular types of property."

At that time, banks reduced the propor-tion of a residential property's value that they would lend to a buyer from an industry average of 90 percent to 70 percent, the current norm.

Passages from a recent letter to Hong Kong's banks released by David Carse, the authority's deputy chief executive, indicated the government's concern that the property market was again edging toward disor-

The HKMA has not advocated a reduction in the overall 70 percent loan-to-value ratio," Mr. Carse wrote. "However, this does not prevent individual institutions

New Causes Are Cited for **U.S. Decline**

WASHINGTON - Two traditional scapegoats — the lower cost of capital and lax antitrust enforcement in Germany and Japan — are no longer valid excuses for America's declining competitive advan-tage, according to U.S. government

researchers.
Moreover, there is no "silver bullet" the United States can use to improve its productivity overnight, archers from the General Accounting Office said. Government and industry in the United States need to take steps in about a dozen areas to improve the nation's competitiveness, the GAO officials said in a briefing Tuesday.

Competitiveness and productivity growth in the United States began sliding because America was used to being No. 1, said Barbara Keller, project manager of the GAO's report on the business enviment in the three countries. "Maybe we just got a little bit com-placent and comfortable," she said, However, the United States must look beyond antitrust actions and the cost of capital, the officials said, The Japanese consider coopera-

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Noncars: Detroit's Big Hit Sales of Minivans and Pickups Boom

By Doron P. Levin New York Times Service

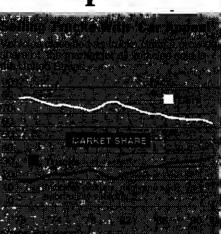
DETROIT - The Big Three automakers' sole ray of sunshine these days comes from booming sales of things that aren't really cars: the pickups, minivans and sport-mility vehicles that the U.S. government classifies as trucks for purposes of energy and safety rules.

Because trucks make up one of the few automotive segments that the American makers' Japanese rivals have been slow to exploit, and because they are more profitable than cars, Detroit is devoti ever more money and time to developing them and to thinking about the reasons they are so popular,

As a result, the vehicles increasingly come with amenities and in styles aimed at satisfying the tastes and needs of car buyers. For those who want to act rugged, but who in reality haul more children than plywood, automakers have added "ex-tended cab" pickup models with classy stereos and

Chrysler Corp. last week introduced the Dodge Ram pickup, with a huge ornamental grille to attract those who want the look of a big truck. The Ram features a driver's air bag—not yet required on noncars—and a center console wide enough for a laptop computer.

Or consider the Mercury Villager and Nissan Quest, minivan clones built in Ohio by Ford Motor Co. and engineered to mimic a car's handling features. Styled with softer edges and less metal for women wary of the bulk of earlier noncars, the minivans have been a hit, with about 75,000 sold since they were introduced in the autumn of 1992. Stoked by the first wave of minivans that replaced station wagons, the proportion of so-called



noncars to cars in the United States has steadily risen since the early 1980s. The vehicles now account for 45 percent of all the Big Three's sales. Because demand has been so strong, gross profit is about 20 percent higher on noncars than on cars, said Jerry Paul, automotive analyst for Sanford C.

Bernstein & Co. in New York. Models like the Ford Explorer and the Jeep Grand Cherokee, which is made by Chrysler, bring in \$6,000 to \$8,000 in gross profit on each sale, he said, before deducting corporate overhead costs.

The growing specialization by the Big Three in

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Germany Is Cool To French Offer of **New Trade Ideas**

DRESDEN - France said Tuesday that it would present new ideas to help break the deadlock in world trade talks, but Germany

seemed cool to any attempt to change the EC position on trade.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said France still objected to an agreement reached between the Community and the United States in November 1992 to cut Europe's exports of subsidized farm products. French opposition to the so-called Blair House deal has been a major factor blocking completion of trade-liberalization talks under

the anspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France plans to present new ideas on the issue when he visits Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn on Thursday, Mr. Juppé said. He

gave no details.

Mr. Juppé announced the plan during a visit to Dresden for talks with his German counterpart, Klaus Kinkel, their first since Europe's currency crisis last month led to reports of strained relations between France and Germany.

mal and played down disputes aris-ing from the near-collapse in that crisis of the ECa exchange-rate mechanism. Mr. Balladur at one point seemed to blame the crisis on the relatively high level of German

But the officials could not paper over their differences on trade. Mr. Juppé said France considered it "impossible to accept" the

Many German economists expect a discount-rate cut soon. Page 11.

export reductions called for in the Blair House agreement. He said, "We will make proposals to modify the Blair House agreement or reinterpret it so that the reductions do

But Mr. Kinkel, reflecting Bonn's concern with wrapping up the Uruguay Round of GATT talks on easing trade rules, said, "We are interested in seeing that the Blair

Honse package is not opened up." The two said they also had exchanged views on the progress of European unification and on an summit meeting in October that is expected to decide some contentious issues such as the loca-Both were eager to depict contentious issues such as the loc French-German relations as nortion of a European central bank.

Close Euro Disney? 'Insane,' Says Eisner

By Alan Citron Los Angeles Times Service
BURBANK, California —
When Michael D. Eisner, chairman

of Walt Disney Co., lonks back on 1993, will the launch of the Mighty Ducks hockey team be his fondest memory? It's plausible, given the summer-that-wasn't at the box office and the gathering tide of grim-ness surrounding Euro Disney.

After playing America's corpo-rate sweetheart for nine years, Mr.

Eisner has been second-guessed lately by everyone from pundits to financial analysts, even though the Burbank-based company as a whole remains strongly profitable. The most troubling question for many is how Disney, the world'a premier theme-park operator, could have miscalculated so badly

Mr. Eisner hardly seemed anxious to answer that question before. But now he has come out swinging. following reports that the park out-side Paris might be closed after a loss of \$83 million in the third quarter. Mr. Eisner called the reports "insane" and insisted that Euro Disney would remain open 365 days a year if he had his way, which one assumes he will. But he also announced that plans for future international expansion had

been shelved. "You don't build the kinds of parks we build for what a shopping mall costs," Mr. Eisner said. "This will pass. But while it's passing we're going to hunker down."

Plans under consideration to buoy Euro Disney in the short term include a cash infusion and a partnership with an outside investor, he said. But be would not say when the

park might turn around Mr. Eisner contended that people had overreacted to the prob-lems. "It's unbelievable. People approach me as if someone died when they talk about Euro Disney."

"We have a creative smash," he added. "It's as good a piece of entertainment as we've ever delivered anywhere in the world. So I know this is like a movie that starts off slow. You just have to be a believer

'Analysts have estimated that the park's annual loss could hit \$300 nillion this financial year.

Mr. Eisner said that Euro Disney's status as a separately owned and operated corporation had led to intense scrutiny. "Since it's its own public company, we have to expose every pimple and wart," be said. "And that's a problem be-cause it can become a self-fulfilling

No Winter Closing Despite growing losses, Euro Disney said Tuesday it would re-

main open this winter, The Associated Press reported from Paris.

A company official had deni press reports a week ago that the park might close but said at the time that a temporary, winter clo-sure could not be ruled out.

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CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Earnings Optimism Sends Dow Higher

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks climbed to record highs Tuesday amid better-than-expected earnings from the tractor maker Deere,

and falling interest rates. Computer-guided buy orders added fuel to the rally in the final hour, traders said. The buying came after the Treasury's sale of new two-year notes drew more demand than expected and long-term

H.Y. Stocks

rates fell toward 16-year lows. The Dow Jones industrial average soared 32.98 to 3,638.96, shattering its previous record of 3,615.48, set Friday.

Broader market todexes also surged. Standard & Poor's 500 Index jumped 4.54 to 459.77, surpassing its old record of 456.43. The Nasdaq Combined Composite Iodex rose 4.27 to 735.12, exceeding its previous high of 734.83. Both the New York and American stock exchange indexes broke records set Friday. The NYSE Composite In-dex rose 2.24 to 255.15 and the Amex Market Value Index gained

4.69 to 453.20. The yield on the benchmark 30year bond slumped to 6.19 percent after the oote auction, down three

kets, spawned by renewed hopes that Germany's Bundesbank will cut interest rates when its policy making council meets Thursday af-ter a month-long recess.

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Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany are to meet Thursday in Bonn, raising speculation about the possibility of coordinated rate cuts.

"To the degree that the international ecocomies improve, that helps our equities and the companies that are operating there," said Paul Dow, chief investment officer at Piper Capital Management, which has about \$11 billion under

Shares of several companies whose earnings are closely tied to the economy's performance rose to their highest levels in the past year in response to the earnings report from Deere, a maker of farm equipment. Deere's shares vaulted 5% to 74%.

"Everyooe figures if Deere had a good quarter, Tenneco's goiog to have ooe and Caterpillar's going to have one," said Edward Laux, head trader at Kidder. Peabody & Co. Caterpillar Inc. ooe of the

world's largest producers of construction equipment, rose 12 to 82%. Tenneco inc., whose J.I. Case Stocks opened higher in response division makes farm equipment,

Bundesbank Jitters Give the Dollar a Lift

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar held onto its recent sharp gains against the yen oo Tuesday but eased slightly against the mark after a German inflation statistic made a rate cut hy the Bundesbank seem less likely this week. Some dealers said that a cut in

the German discount rate had al-

Foreign Exchange ready been assumed by the markets and that this had been keeping the dollar above 1.68 DM. Bot the dollar slipped Tuesday to 1.6793 DM from 1.6845 DM on Monday after

Baden-Württemberg exceeded forecasts. Dealers noted that the bank's plans may soon become more evident, with other German states reporting on inflation on Wednesday

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and Thursday.

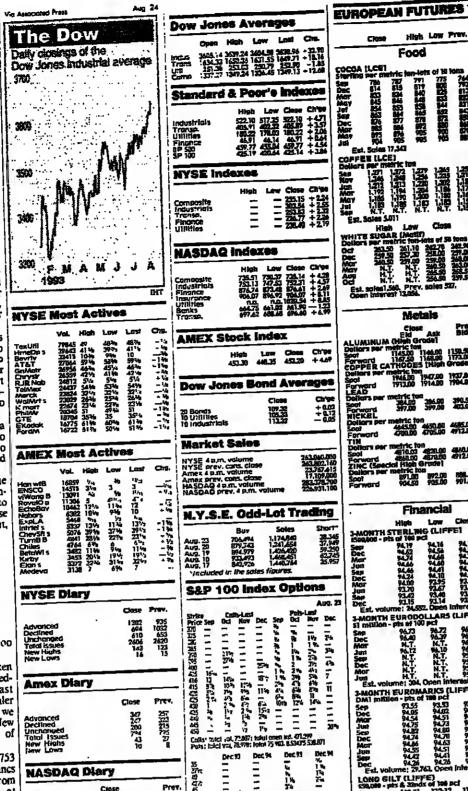
"The one thing that can move the market is the Bundesbank," said Jim Phoenix, a dealer at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Dealers said that heavy intervention by the Bank of Japan had stopped dollar sales early Tuesday and pushed the currency as high as 104 yen. It closed in New York at

103.625 yen, up from 103.10 yen oo

Monday. "The steam has really been taken out of the market by the U.S. Federal Reserve intervention last week," said Peter Turner, a dealer at IBJ International, "Although we are off highs, London and New York are both very cautious of pushing the dollar lower."

The dollar slipped to 1.4753 Swiss francs from 1.4810 francs and to 5.8445 French francs from 5.8660. The pound closed at \$1.4988, down from \$1.5045. (Reuters, Knight-Ridder)



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US. Appeals Court Ruling on NAFTA

WASHINGTON (NYI) - The U.S. administration asked an appeals court Tuesday to overturn a ruling that American trade officials must prepare an environmental impact statement, a task that would seriously delay and possibly doom the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The second the United States Court of Assessic for the District. The court, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of

Odumbia Circuit, is expected to rule by late September. If the lower court ruling is not reversed, the pact's prospects darken considerably:

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World Trade a Record \$3.8 Trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) - World trade hit a record last year, with WASHINGTUN (AP) — World trace mt a record last year, with imports rising 7.7 percent above 1991, to \$3.8 trillion, the International Monetary Fund said Tuesday.

U.S. imports were \$552.6 billion and exports at \$447.4 billion, for a deficit of \$105.2 billion. Both exports and imports were larger than those of any other country.

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Japan, though it did less trade, had a surplus of \$107 billion — \$340 billion in exports and \$232.9 billion in imports. U.S. exports outpaced billion in exports and \$232.9 billion in imports. U.S. exports outpaced. Germany's \$429 billion as they did in 1991, after falling behind in 1990 and for several years during the 1980s. German imports were \$408 billion.

North American Results Boost Deere

MOLINE, Illinois (AP)—Boosted by strong results in North America.
Decre & Co. reported Tuesday that it had surprisingly high third-quarter.
armings of \$100.1 million, or \$1.31 per share.
The news sent Decre's stock sharply higher on the New York Stock

Exchange, where it rose \$5.25 to \$74.

The earnings were nearly 10 times the \$9.1 million Deere earned in the three months ended July 31, 1992. They were also well above the 85 cents per share predicted by Wall Street analysts. Deere said revenue for the quarter was \$2.05 billion, up 17 percent from the similar 1992 period. Robust domestic sales far outweighed singgish sales overseas, Chairman Hans W. Becherer said. The company's combines and new line of large tractors were doing well in North America, he added. In addition, a general economic recovery and the wet Midwest summer boosted sales of lawn and grounds-care products.

Mid-August Car Sales Rose 10.3%

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Sales of U.S.-built cars rose 10.3 percent, to 177,157 units, in the middle 10 days of Angust, a seasonally adjusted annual selling rate of 7.0 million cars.

Sales of U.S.-produced cars and trucks rose 6.3 percent in the Aug. I1-to-Aug 20 period, to 306,193 units. Total vehicle sales, including imports, rose 4.9 percent from the similar period a year earlier, to 339,520 units. There were 9 selling days in each period. The statistics include estimates by Ward's Automotive Reports for Chrysler Corp., which releases only monthly sales. Wards also reported that automakers were releases only monthly sales. Wards also reported that automakers were planning to cut third-quarter production by about 5.4 percent, largely because of reductions at General Motors Corp.

Texas Instruments: 4,800 Jobs at Risk

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DALLAS (UPI) — Texas Instruments Inc., faced with dwindling defense contracts, may eliminate up to 4,800 jobs in its defense-systems and electronics group by 1997, a spokesman said Tuesday,
"These are only projections," said Toni Geishauser. "We have to see
what our overhead will be, commensurate with our workload. It is not a what our overhead will be, commensurate with our workload. It is not a stable market and as we downsize, it becomes even less stable. Traditionally, the defense group has accounted for more than 40 percent of TT's revenue, but the shinking federal defense budget has begun to take its toll on the company. If the job cuts occur as projected, there would only be about 8,500 workers in the defense group at the end of 1997, compared with 24,600 at the end of 1988.

TRADE: Study Debunks Old Theories of U.S. Decline

NASDAQ Diary

Keller said. However, in the United States, too much consolidation is widely viewed as a violation of

Regulations are similar in all three countries, although they are enforced differently.

itive strength in Japan, Ms. Keller said. Much to their surprise, the investigators could not find any evidence of antitrust violations. "We just couldn't find antitrust as a villain here," she said.

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their work three years ago, they wiped out the differences, said were studying the cooperative aspects of Japanese husiness as a major determinant of surging competing excess capacity and output, Ms. The street in Japan Ms. Keller and counterfitted as three cououries have effectively wiped out the differences, said James McDermott, assistant direction of the GAO's international to the cooperative street.

As for the cost of capital, recent it isn't clear if U.S. business will take advantage of the symmetry.

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Paris Likely To Choose Trichet

PARIS — The probable appointment of France's Treasury director, Jean-Claude Trichet, as the next governor of the Bank of France will lead to other top-level changes in the Finance Ministry, a ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

Mr. Trichet's nomination to succeed Jacques de Larosière, who is to become the head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, still requires the approval of the French cabinet, which is expected to act on the nomination at its weekly meeting Sept. 15 or Sept. 22, the spokesman said.

Mr. Trichet is the only candidate for the job at present, and French officials have said they were not aware of any other likely candidates. But the government spokes-man Nicolas Sarkozy, an aide to Prime Minister Edouard Balladur. declined to discuss the nomination when asked about it in a radio interview Tuesday.

Mr. Trichet, 50, played a leading role in reorganizing Paris's finan-cial markets during the 1980s and established the Paris Club, which has taken the lead in renegotiations of governments' international debt over the past decade.

If his appointment to head France's central bank is confirmed, Christian Noyer, head of Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery's private office, would be likely to take his place as Treasury director,

Mr. Noyer in turn would probably be succeeded by Patrice Vial, currently director-general of Ban-que Pallas-Stern, he said, adding that all the appointments would be subject to confirmation.

billion year.

Bundesbank Cut Awaited Discount Rate Too Close to Repo Level

Agence France-Presse
FRANKFURT — Many German economists say they are coovinced the Bundesbank will cut its discount rate by half a point within half a month, either at its central council meeting Thursday or the following session two weeks later.

Analysts said the impetus for the reduction in the discount rate, which forms the floor of the German money market, was the reduction in recent weeks of the securities-repurchase rate.

Both rates are charged on Bundesbank loans to banks that must post various securities as collateral. The discount rate, at which a limited amount of funds are made available, is at 6.75 percent, while the repo rate has been reduced to 6.8 percent from 7.3 percent in mid-July.

The Bundesbank likes to use the reportate to uide interest rates between the discount rate and the higher Lombard rate, currently 7.75 percent. The small difference between the repo and dis-count rates is widely considered as insufficient to allow the Bundesbank maneuvering room in its

monetary policy. By maintaining its discount rate at 6.75 percent at its July 29 meeting, the Bundesbank aggravated the wave of speculation shaking the European Monetary System, which was to lead, on Aug. 2, to a drastic widening of the permitted fluctuation bands within the system's exchange-rate mechanism. Since then, the mark has appreciated only

moderately against the other European currencies.

Although the virtual dissolution of the ERM has actually taken pressure off the Bundesbank to reduce interest rates, the contracting German economy is another matter.

As the Bundesbank central council meets on Thursday in Frankfurt, Chancellor Helmut Kohl will be welcoming Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France in Bonn, But Peter Pietsch, economist at Commerzbank, said there was "no longer any real political pressure" on the Bundeshank, but at most a French "wish" to see German interest rates lowered. This would give the Bank of France greater scope to reduce French interest rates without threatening the value of the franc.

Analysts are divided in their interpretation of recent statements by Bundesbank officials. In its August report, the bank acknowledged that, like other European central banks, it had more room for maneuver after the Aug. 2 decision to widen the EMS bands, but it added that the margin must be

used with cantion." On Friday, Helmin Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, warned against market disorders that might be caused by "excessive expectations" about a reduction of the German central bank's

Boost Productivity Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BONN — Deutsche Telekom is that it had enjoyed a rise in sales in getting ready to slash staff by

30,000 Job Cuts to

Telekom Readies

30,000 and to double productivity by the end of the decade, senior officers of the German government-owned telecommunications

company said Tresday. The company had previously said it wanted to cut 20,000 jobs from its work force of 230,000 by the end of the decade.

Telekom officials said at a news conference in connection with the release of the latest balance sheet that the big job cuts and the planned productivity increase were a prelude to the proposed partial privatization of the company and would enable it to adapt to the liberalization of European markets that is to get under way at the start

Telekom fears it will be attacked by competitors on its "excessive rates for long-distance calls, which offset the local call rates," said the sales and marketing manager, Dieter Gallist

The chairman, Helmut Ricke, said that the early onset of liberalization of the European telecom-munications markets "strengthens competition, and means that we have to make greater efforts in transforming our company."

He said that "Telekom is sailing through troubled waters," even though it made a net profit of 6.45 billion Deutsche marks (33.9 hillion) in 1992. Of that sum, Telekom had to pay the state 5 billion DM, plus 1.5 billion to the two unprofitable companies of Deutsche Bundespost

Telekom does not think it will make any profit this year after sim-

the first half, to around 29 billion DM, and was expecting a 7.4 percent increase for the year as a whole, to 58 billion DM.

Mr. Ricke urged that the compaoy's planned partial privatization go ahead "because we do not have much more time." The three companies of Deutsche Telekom are to be transformed into joint-stock companies, and their capital is to be controlled by a holding company, 51 percent of which will remain in government hands in an initial

Anti-MS Drug Set for Growth

Bloomberg Business News

BERLIN - Schering AG, the German pharmaceuticals company, said Tuesday it planned to expand production of its multiple-sclerosis drug Belaseroo to treat some 200,000 patients a year by 1997.

The price for treating a pa-tient is between \$8,500 and \$10,000 a year.

The drug, the first to be licensed for treating a certain type of the disease, will be induced in October in the United States, where it will initially be available to about 5,000 out of the estimated 100,000 to 150,000 sufferers of



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Handelsbanken made an operating profit of 837 million kronor (\$104.2 million) in the first half of the year, compared with a loss of 658 million kronor a year earlier. The Swedish bank's management said it would launch a new share issue to raise 2.7 billion kronor.

 Unidenmark, which includes the Unibank banking group, reported a pretax profit of 483 million kroner (\$66 million) for the first six months of i 1993, compared with a year-earlier loss of 1.47 billion kroner.

· ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss heavy-engineering and electrical concern, said it would concentrating its six industrial units into four and restructure into three main geographical regions.

 Abrend Groep NV, a Dutch office and business-equipment company, said its net profit had fallen 35 percent to 7.3 million guilders (\$3.86 million) in the first half of 1993, from 11.3 million guilders a year earlier. due to lower foreign sales caused by the strong guilder and recession. Consumer prices rose 0.1 percent in August in the German state of Baden-Wirttemberg from the July level, making a 12-month inflation rate of 4.3 percent, the Regional Statistics Office said.

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Saudi Riyal Hit by Reserves Report

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches MANAMA — The Saudi riyal eased against the dollar on Tuesday after published reports that Saudi Arabia had run down its financial

reserves because of years of unrestrained spending. King Fahd, speaking on state-run television, called the reports part of a "smear campaign."

A New York Times dispatch published in the International Herald Tribune said the kingdom had run down its financial reserves be-

YEN: Strong Currency, Weak Demand Hit Exporters

June quarter drop 7 percent from the previous year, to
33.7 billion year. Sales also fell 7 percent, to 1.60 6.1 percent, at 41 billion year, while sales of video

Weak economies in Japan and Europe hurt sales, as percent, to 34 billion yen.

spending, huge military purchases and irregular banking practices. Saudi dealers said the spot Saudi riyal eased to 3.7506 to the dollar on Tuesday, from 3.7502 Monday. Long-dated Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates climbed 1/16 point. Dealers said people were selling riyals for dollars in the interbank market, which usually focuses on trading dollars for riyals.

"Malevolent people canoot block the sunlight, and truth will cause of years of unrestrained always vanquish falsity, though it

did the high value of the yen. Air conditioner and refrigerator sales were hurt by the cool weather in

• TDK Corp., the world's largest maker of magnet-

tapes, cassette tapes and floppy disks dropped 18.9

may take time," King Fahd said. Arah diplomatic sources said King Fahd was also angered by foreign media reports that his political reforms fell short of Westernstyle democracy.

The fall in oil prices that ended the oil boom of the 1970s has put the Saudi budget in deficit since 1983 and forced the kingdom to borrow money beginning in 1988. The Gulf War cost the kingdom

JOBS: Mercedes-Benz to Cut Staff by 14,000 in 1994

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would reduce its German workforce by 8.5 percent, to 147,740, by the end of 1994.

Mercedes also said its so-called voluntary benefits, which make up a large portion of its workers' annual take-home pay, would be linked more closely to the ic tapes, said its group pretax earnings plunged 42 percent in the latest quarter, to 6.4 billion yea. Sales fell 9.6 percent, to 121 billion yea. company's profit. Mercedes officials said Tuesday's decision had re-

sulted from sluggish sales in the European truck market as well as their conviction that the company's problems were largely structural.

would have put people on short shifts," a spokesman said. "We're saying this is about structure."

WOLFSBURG, Germany—

Sue VW for damages. A spokesman

Volkswagen. AG said. Tuesday it said. Opel first wanted to see the fered from high production and labor costs as well as

the effects of having a strong currency. Even as they slash production and staff in Germany, Mercedes and other German automobile and truck manufacturers are busy adding capacity abroad where costs are lower in mark terms.

Mercedes has announced plans to build a recreational vehicle in the United States, and Bayerische "If we thought this were a passing problem, we Motoren Werke AG is building a factory there.

VW Seeks Talks With Opel

Adam Opel AG in a bid to settle a prosecutors. bitter dispote over Opel's allegations that senior Volkswagen personnel stole documents.

Bot Opel repeated that it was oot ready for negotiations.

was still seeking talks with its rival results of an investigation by public .

The daily Die Welt reported Tuesday that John F. Smith Jr., GM's chief executive, did not plan to hold further talks with Ferdi-Opel, the German subsidiary of nand Piech, the VW chairman, over General Motors Corp., also said the legal dispute.

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Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. which sells the

Panasonic, National, Technics and Quasar brands of

electronics goods, saw its pretax profit for the April-

impact of the higher yen, negatively affected revenue," refrige said Shigeki Hayashi of Honda's finance division. Japan. Measured in yen, sales fell 17.3 percent, to 919.6

Tuesday's Prices

NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time: ".
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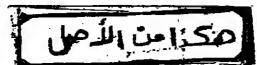
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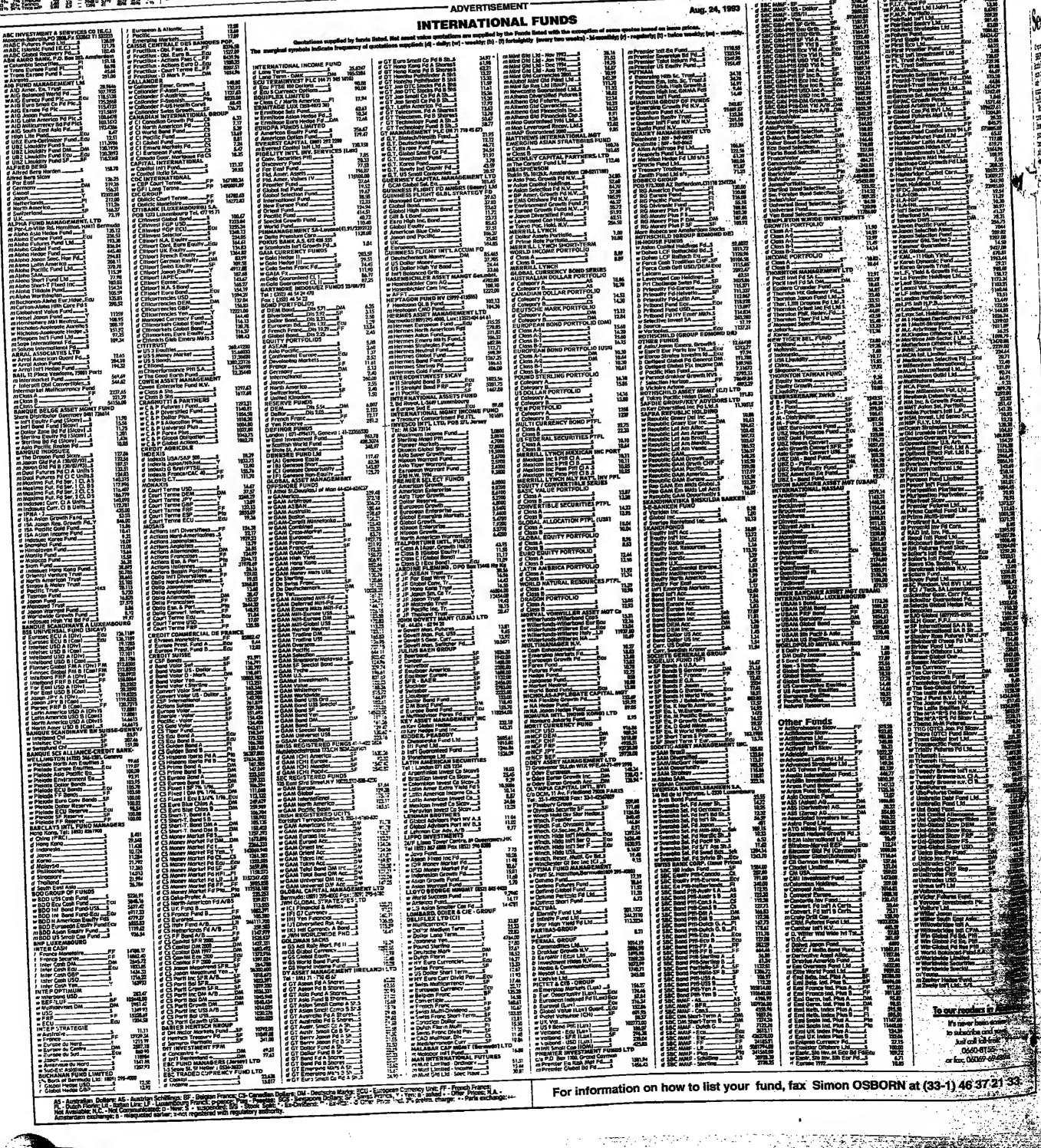
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1993

TRUCKS: Sales of Minivans and Pickups Provide a Bright Spot for Big 3 popular, they were not very profitable because of the tariffs. The Japanese makers tried to reach higher, but more expensive models like THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O noncars is consistent with the free-market modthe Toyota Previa minivan and Mitsubishi Montero sport-utility vehicle captured only a siver of the market. The Toyota 1100 full-size el of competition. As more competitors enter an industry, companies typically specialize in products they can build and sell advantageouspickup, introduced last autumn, has foundered because it is relatively expensive and does not offer a V-8 engine, which many Americans "What U.S. automakers have going for them is a better understanding of what consumers want in this type of vehicle," said Gary Saxon-Moreover, buyers of full-size Ford or Chevhouse, a professor of economics at the Universirolet pickups are loyal to their brand. Roughly 70 percent stick with one or the other, compared with a 40 percent loyalty rate typical for ty of Michigan. He said that competition, as well as tariffs on imported trucks, had "spurred Although compact Ispanese trucks were

gasoline costs 75 percent less in the United States than in many other industrialized countries, consumers are not concerned that the bigger, heavier noncars are, on average, 25 percent less fuel-efficient than cars.

It is little wonder, then, that GM, which has been shutting down car factories, is adding a third shift at its Oshawa, Ontario, plant that

makes extended cab pickups. For the last few years, Ford and Chevrolet have sold more noncars bearing their brand names than cars.



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China's Health Debate Is Smoking Influx of Foreign Cigarette Firms Stirs New Concern

HONG KONG — European and American tobacco companies are alowly prying open China's cigarette market, the world's largest — to the increasing dismay of anti-smoking activists in Hong Kong and China. Last week, Philip Morris Cos. unveiled plans to produce and sell Mariboro cigarettes in China in partnership with the state monop-

oly, China National Tobacco Corp.

The deal brings together the two largest manufacturers of cigarettes in the world and is seen by industry officials as a significant step in the transformation of China's huge yet relatively primitive tobacco business.

For Philip Morris, the venture marks the American food, beer and tobacco group's latest effort to expand its overseas tobacco operations, with the American cigarette inistry facing price wars, the threat of additional taxes to pay for health-care reform and

a strong anti-smoking movement.
While the allure of selling cigarettes to a billion-plus potential consumers is obvious enough, Philip Morris and other foreign to-bacco companies will face a tough time. The market will continue to be dominated by the third morroscoly, and constructed by the state monopoly, and companies will confront new criticism from the anti-smoking forces.

"We don't want anyone coming into China and giving people more poison or means to die," said C.K. Cheung, executive director of the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and

The health arguments over smoking are familiar, but for both sides the stakes in this

huge market are higher than ever.

The cigarette companies see China as potentially their biggest new market. Health organizations say millions of lives could be endangered if smoking becomes more fash-ionable in China — where there are already 300 million smokers consuming 30 percent of the world's tobacco.

"The news about Philip Morris is a bitter blow to tobacco-control efforts in China," said Dr. Judith Mackay, a senior adviser to the Chinese Association on Smoking and Health, which was set up by the Chinese government in 1990.

Professor Richard Peto, an Oxford-based cancer researcher and another senior adviser to the association, predicts that 50 million Chinese who are now under the age of 20 will eventually die prematurely from tobacco-re-

Tobacco companies continue to dispute the link between smoking and diseases like lung cancer. "There is no conclusive medical or scientific proof that smoking will cause certain diseases," said J.P. Lee, executive di-rector of the Tobacco Institute of Hong Kong, an industry group.

The industry says it is only serving a demand that already exists and is one of many businesses seeking a place in the increasingly

"The whole health thing is really irrelevant to this particular activity," Colin Goddard, regional manager for corporate affairs at Philip Morris Asia Inc., said. "It is not as if we are increasing demand and creating a market."

But the urgency with which the foreign companies are trying to enter the market still causes major concern to health groups, who fear that Western advertising will influence more of the young and more women to smoke, especially as foreign cigarettes are regarded as a status symbol in an increasingly ffluent China.

According to a national survey of 519,000 people conducted in 1984, 61 percent of males but only 7 percent of females over the age of 15 were smokers.

Moreover, Dr. Mackay said, the U.S. government - which has long required hea warnings and banned many forms of cigarette advertising at home - has been instrumental in trying to open up the Chinese market for American companies.

A Chinese-U.S. memorandum of under-A Chinese-U.S. inemorandum of understanding signed in October 1992 called for China to lift all import-licensing requirements for cigarettes, cigars, smoking tobacco and cigarette filters by Dec. 31, 1994.

"The smoking epidemic is being transferred from the rich to the poor countries," Dr. Mackay said.

China Set to Float Bank Interest Rates Despite State Risk

bank interest rates to float, the official China Daily newspaper reported on Tuesday, even though the move could cause a crisis for debt-ment announcement last week that ridden state-owned enterprises.

Xiaoxi, a government economist, told the newspaper. "Technically, China can rescind administrative measures to decide interest rates in the near future."

Such a view was shared by many bank executives, the paper said. The government has decided on a gradual approach and is likely to first widen the margin for rate flucmations and grant the country's four state-owned specialized banks powers to determine the margin. After converting the four banks into commercial ones, the paper said, the margin would be widened

further or canceled. "It will not take long to realize the goal," it added, but a timetable was not provided.

Practically, however, freeing rates is not feasible in the short term, central bank officials and analysts said, warning that market-guided rates could deal a severe blow to China's debt-ridden stateowned enterprises.

Inefficient enterprises, which account for about two-thirds of China's total, "will have to be closed down if interest rates increase due to hot market demand," said Zhou Rongfang, a People's Bank of China analyst.

Conversely, failing to free rates could bankrupt the state and per-petuate lending outside of govern-ment control that has triggered cor-ruption and financial disorder.

Separately, the Xinhna news agency said China wanted to reduce by 20 percent losses incurred by state-owned companies.

The target of cutting losses by 20 percent this year should be achieved through internal operational re-

Agence France-Presse forms, the freeing of oil and coal BEUING—China plans to allow prices and fiscal reform currently under way, according to Li Yanling, deputy finance minister, The plan comes after a govern-

state companies should become au-"In the end, the market will fi-nally decide rate fluctuations," Li ment has also indicated that only enterprises that are profitable will be allowed to raise salaries.

Beijing Tries To Satisfy Oil Demand

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BELJING - Purchases of foreign oil are surging with the economic boom and could one day make China a net importer of petroleum, a leading official said Tuesday.

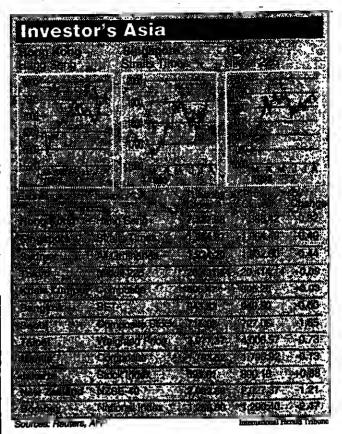
China is trying to meet in-creasing domestic demand with new oil exploration and

Other steps needed to invigorate the Chinese petroleum industry include further freeing up prices for domestically produced oil and introducing market-style reforms being adopted in other sectors of the economy, said Wang Tao, president of the China National Petroleum Corp.

He said the government was designing a pipeline costing 10 billion yuan (\$1.75 billion) from the fields to Lanzhou in north-central China.

As part of a restructuring, it will also lay off some 500,000 workers in the oil and naturalgas sector. (AP, AFP, Reuters)

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All of Japan's Big Four brokerages — Nomura Securities, Daiwa Securities, Nikko Securities and Yamaichi Securities — announced that they had set up wholly owned trust-bank subsidiaries.

 Jardine Fleming Group Ltd. said it planned to raise up to 80 million Australian dollars (\$53.6 million) for a China investment fund to be listed on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges. The new company will invest in companies established or operating in China and listed on exchanges in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and China.

 India has allowed PepsiCo Inc. to raise its equity stake to 91.4 percent in a food venture held jointly with Voltas, a food group based in Bombay. Hyundai Motor Co. of South Korea said it would begin assembling cars in September in Botswana.

• New Zeakand and the European Community are to begin negotiating an agreement next month to protect geographic wine names such as Marl-borough and Champagne by ensuring that only wines produced in those areas make use of the labels.

 Moody's Investors Service Inc. placed the long-term credit rating of Sony Corp. under review for a possible downgrade, citing downward pressure on profit and cash flow.

 Holiday Inn Worldwide said it had entered a joint venture to develop 70 franchised Holiday Inns intended to serve the domestic market in India. Victor Co. of Japan said it would launch the cheapest 32-inch (81-centimeter) high-definition television yet on the market, pricing it at 850,000 yen (\$8,200).

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Seoul Puts Growth Rate at a 12-Year Low

SEOUL - Economic growth in South Korea was the slowest in 12 years during the first half of 1993, with both investment and con-sumption performing singuishly, the Bank of Korea said Tuesday.

The central bank said gross national product grew 3.8 percent during the first six months, com-pared with a year earlier. The increase was the smallest since 1981, when the economy was hit by soaring international oil prices.

GNP expanded by 6.6 percent.

rate in the second period after a 3.4 percent rate in the first three however, was still the smallest for

that period since 1981. 1.35 percent in the first half from a year-earlier quarter. year earlier, while domestic consumption increased 5.0 percent and

shown signs of perking up since the to grow by 5.5 percent. But light beginning of the second quarter, industry contracted by an equiva-with GNP growing at a 4.2 percent lent amount amid slow exports of labor-intensive goods

The central bank said the preliminary figure for second-quarter GNP growth was lower than the growth was lower than the original expectation of 4.5 percent Capital investment was down and down from 5.9 percent in the

Reduction in household incomes, stemming from a sluggish exports expanded 5.5 percent, the real estate market and slow economic activity was responsible for During the first half of 1992,
SNP expanded by 6.6 percent.
The bank said the economy had

This ving exports of automobiles, the low consumption growth, active and machinery helped the coording to Lim Young Ho, an executive of the bank.

Measured by gross domestic product, the economy grew 4.3 percent in the second period, down from 6.4 percent a year earlier.

Production in the farming, fishcry and forestry sector fell 1 percent in the second period, and output in the mining sector shrank 9.1 percent. Manufacturing gained 2.2 percent, while construction advanced 2.7 percent.

The 2.2 percent growth in manufacturing output, however; was down from 8.6 percent in the yearearlier second period.

(AFP, Bloomberg)

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Valenciennes Chief **Accused of Cover-Up**

PARIS — The Valencieones club chairman, Michel Coencas, rejected Tuesday charges published earlier in the day in which one of his former players said he was involved in the bribery case centering on Olympique Marseille.

The former player, Jorge Burruchaga, accused Coencas of trying to keep a lid on allegations that Mar-seille had offered a bribe, so that Coencas could use the offer to force Olympique to settle for a draw in a league match May 26.

A tie would have kept Valenciennes from being relegated to the secood division.

Burruchaga's accusations came three days before the French federation is to possibly levy sanctions in the case that has made headlines in France through the summer.

'Roses Are Red. . .

LONDON - England internanional Paul Gascoigne, who may have brought "poetry in motioo" to the soccer field, has submitted a poem to a collection to he sold for

Entitled "Just Me" and published Tuesday, it was written sooo after the 1991 FA Cup final when Gascoigne, then playing for Tot-tenham Hotspur, hadly damaged a knee with a reckless tackle early in the match. He wrote:

"I'm a professional footballer lying in a hospital bed thinking of all those nasty things going through my head

I know I should not be lying here, it's because of Wembley thinking of that stupid tackle in-

stead of all that glee' Said Chris Green, director of the Poetry Society, in the most kind critique: "He's better at poetry than most poets are at football."

World Cup star, is under investiga-tion with two other Valenciennes players suspected of taking money from Marseille to play poorly in the match May 20.

In a interview in Buenos Aires published Tuesday by the French magazine France-Football, Burruchaga said Valenciennes officials knew of bribe before the match.

They preferred to wait and see how events developed, to use them to the best of their interests," he The 2-1 victory virtually ensured

Marseille of its fifth consecutive league title. In a match that was scheduled six days later, Olympi-que beat AC Milan for the Europe-

"Burruchaga's accusations don't bother me," Coencas said. "If any-one has proven he was dishonest, it

Adding oew twists to the com-plex case, Burruchaga said Coencas phoned him late in June to Argentina to anoounce that a visitor would brief him on the case on behalf of

both Valenciennes and Marseille. He said he later had a phooe call from a person — whom he declined to identify — who claimed to speak for the Marseille team's president, Bernard Tspie, and told him what version of the incident to give the judge investigating the case.

This version, Burruchaga said, would have cleared Jean-Pierre Bernès, who resigned as Marseille's general manager after being put under investigation oo suspicion that he ordered the bribe.

The former Valenciennes coach, Boro Primorac, has said Tapie offered him money and other inducements in return for saying the bribe offer came from Valeociennes.

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THE HAM AND EGGS — Shaquille O'Neal, in Tokyo to promote shoes, helped a Japanese youngster try his hand Tuesday at dunking a basketball. When O'Neal, who was the runaway choice as NBA rookie of the year last season, was asked "the secret of dunking" by one reporter, the Orlando Magic center replied, with a straight face: "You get over the rim, and put the ball in." And O'Neal wasn't the only 7-foot NBA player picking up a buck abroad: Mark West of the Phoenix Suns was in Beijing to film commercials for the May First Food Corp., a company that specializes in making the pungent Chinese delicacy known as ten thousand-year-old eggs.

Abetting the Slave Trade

He is a fictional superman, of course: "Ninja," the Japanese cartoon character who simultaneously a

symbol to youth and a catalyst for one of the most powerful commercial markets on earth:

envisaged him clad in shorts, wearing soccer shoes and mastering a ball as only a comic book hero can. And Ninja is working his socks off during the World Under-17 Championship, for the Fifa-IVC Cup, that is now engaging 16 nations in six Japanese cities.

The players might have some empathy with Ninja. They see themselves on the first rung to global form and to play the some empathy with Ninja.

on the first rung to global fame and for-tune. They believe Hughes tune. They believe they are a special generation. They come out of Africa, Asia, South America and Europe bursting to show off their talents. That is the innocence of youth as perceived through the eyes of men and marketeers who long ago left their

adolescence behind. The reality is somewhat coarser.
This happens to be the year's third major youth championship, following the world under 20 tournament in Australia in March and the European under-18 competition in England in July. We are satisfed with tournaments.

Some participants, too, must be growing weary by now. Ghana throws precocious 15-year-olds into both the under-20 and under-18 finals and, if they are the age they say they are, the toll on growing limbs, the total preoccupation of adolescent minds, is probably

total preoccupation of adolescent hands, is probably doing more harm than good.

Instead of playing, they compete. Instead of having fun exploring their improving skills, they are made to perform the way adults think is best for them. They are children accelerated into an adult culture where windled

children accelerated into an adult culture where win-ning is a business, losing a lifetime failing.

Where now are the Nigerians who "conquered the world" in 1985 by winning the first under-16 champi-onship, which was also for the JVC Cup? They were hailed as the Baby Eaglets. They returned home from China to be feted by politicians, to have major roads named after them, to be given state cash and exholarships.

A one, a boy is being beaten by his father for swotting while his pals win the rewards of soccer. In the other, the boy is extelled for his soccer ability.

Perhaps the cartoonist is a cynic. Perhaps the fruth is that for Africans, as well as for those of many poorerregions, soccer is a way of fulfillment and a route out of hopelessness.

International Herald Tribune.

Certainly it is in Bolivia, where street kids taken away from the perils of drugs, violence and deprivation have grown up through a mighry soccer academy tion have grown up through a mighry soccer academy tion have grown up through a mighry soccer academy tion have grown up through a mighry soccer academy tion have grown up through a mighry soccer academy comes through wears his "fair play" scart.

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Theirs is a genuine rags to riches - though as ye minor riches - success story. They traveled the world, winning adolescent tournaments wherever the airfare Every Japanese child knows Ninja. But few ever and accommodation was paid for them. Soccet was visaged him clad in shorts, wearing soccer shoes and the cornerstone of their education and, knowing the academy's founder Rolando Aguilera, I can say they have not been ill used.

Agnilers is an engineer who, if you like, discover Agnilera is an engineer who, if you like, and respectively soccer's power for social engineering. A game at in internative to sinister street life. Yet all too often the agencies who trade in young soccer talent all vings bonds. From Latin America and from Africa; and with a boy of 15 or even younger to European-chile who buy, groom and either discard or make a financial killing off them.

Some of them.

Some of the agents who do the selling would not know an aspiring beauty queen from a hag, and some gifted boys simply, outgrow or cannot cope with the mindane sporting existence. But even when the sport and sell a bushing per it right, even when they spot and sell a bushing Diego Maradona at the age of 9, the system is loaded with pittalls. Too late now to tell Maradona that he Diego maradona at the age of 9, the system is loaded with pitfalls. Too iste now to tell Maradona that he was cruelly misled by crooks, by charlatana, by gresidents who bought his youth and did not much one if, by 32, he wound up snorting cocaine and pained by age prematurely aged spine and ankle.

T ELL THIS TO the 16-year-olds in Japan and they will scott. They crave the tame of Maradona; the pitiable end will never happen to them.

What sours my view of youth soccer is knowing that

the game discards them by the thousands. In England, where education is free and compulsory but countless boys nevertheless abandon it for soccer, not one in

boys neverthetess abandon it for soccar, not one in four who begin apprenticeaning grows up to earn a living let alone a fortune, out of the sport.

It should be regulated. Parents should protest their kids, governments should govern. FIFA, rather than sanctioning ever more tournaments, should try to restrict the virtual slave trade that is a side show to FIFA slowly draws up legislation to license agents, and the problem of youth should be addressed in that.

Meanwhile, the youths themselves are FIFA's guinea They are being used in Japan this month to assess another proposed rule alteration. But, whereas this column supported banning the pass back for a goal-keeper to waste time, replacing the throw in with a kick-in interferes too much in the game's intrinsic

ofmat.

It is unnecessary. It will not speed up play. It is change for change's sake. And it is wrong to inflict it on boys who are

learning the game.
Therefore, kids, if you can make

this one fail, make it look tedious and unnecessary, you might make a few of us old logies happy.

Finally, never forget that the un-der-17s are forerunners to big busi-

ness in Japan. This is a country, like the United States, which has no soccer pedigree but will, through the power of advertizing and the

will of sponsors, host a World Cup.

-America's is 1994; Japan will get the World Cup of 2,002. The boys of 1993 playing for the FIFA/JVC Cup, are a prejude to that. Most of us have no objection to that, and

indeed opening up new fields (and

was another reminder that the mar-

was snother remonder that the market exists. The Italian Super Cup, between AC Milson and Toxino, was exported to Washington, D.C. Milson won on a goal by Marco Simone, and the audience of 25,268 was full optional converts to the world game.

Rob Hughes is on the stuff of The Toma.

Japanese soccer players, the country's newest breed of spores.

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new markets) is soccer's business. In the States, last weekend, thereE.

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BALTIMORE—Put Rick Surchifie, pitcher,
on 13-day disobled list. Recoiled Kevin McGehee, bitcher, from Rochester, IL.
DETROIT—Signed Most Brunsen, shortstop,
KANSAS CITY—Activated Kevin Miller, infielder-autileder, from 13-day disobled list.
Sent Phill Holt, hird baseman, to Omato, AA,
TEXAS—Put Butch Davis, outrielder, on 15day disobled list. Recoiled Jeff Huson, infielder, from Oktoboms City, AA,
Notlonds League
CLEVELAND—Standed Chris Mills, forword, to Svest contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA-Waived Kellt: Janes and Anthony Wailace, running backs; Stan Thomas, offensive tackie; Mike Stansbreaker, Oscar Sites and Darryl Hardy, tinebackers; Jerry Osfraski and Baron Rollies, guards; Raily Simms and Darrick Davis, parherbacks; Estevath Augus and Deen Lange defeation back.

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AROUND HERE, MARCIE ..

ryl Spencer, wide receivers; John Charles, quarterback; and Robert Stevenson, center, pul Joe Fishback, safety, and Scott Fulhabe, punter, or injured reserve.

DENVER—Traded Vance Johnson, wide receiver, and undisclosed graft picks to Misperial for Conv. Zimostana, and Conv. Zimostana.

list.

INDIANAPOLIS—Watved Bryon Coek,
Charles Wookington and Robby Youns, detensive books; Marror Garrett, defensive end;
Eric Beatry, Inspacker? Jerry Shanp, offensive lineman; Dirk Bargognone, placekicker;
Erik White, quarterpock; Jerry Resners,
Lonce Lewis and Mayor Tor, rumning backs;
and Ernest Collowoy and Frank Pillow, wide

receivers.

GREEN BAY—Walved Robert Witson, full-back: Ervin Randle and Leroy Smith, line-backers; Justin Hall and Paul Long, affensive linemen; Rich Thompson, placektoker; Carl Carler and Tim Walson, safettes; Darryl Interam, Hall end; and Jamle Holland and Linetil Crawford, wide receivers. Put Tam Neville, affensive lineman, on inlived reserve and Mark D'Onafrio, linebacker, on physically-unable-lo-perform list.

KANSAS CITY—Signed Wes Hapkins, safe-ty, to 1-year contract, Waived Mike Panasut, punter-placekicker.

L.A. RAI OE RS—Signed David Furcher, sate-ty. Put Danale Elder, cornerback: Ricky Loga-defensive hobbs, and Pierre Verchaval, alten-sive Expension, on volved-fullured Rs. Put Steve Verlott, offensive tackie, on intured receive.

and Eric Buckley, sofety.

MIAMI—Welved Issiac Holt, cornerback;
Ned Bolcur, linebacker; Troy Taylor, quot-terback; Kevin Robbins, offensive facilet

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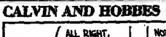
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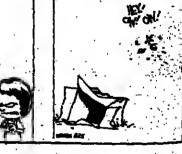
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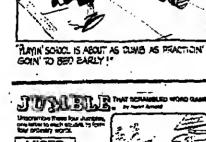






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No Lockout, No Strike, Players Say

CHICAGO - The final month of the season, the league champion-ship series and the World Series will be safe from a players' strike if the owners put their no-lockout pledge for next season into the form of a binding agreement, the head of the players' union has said.

The Players Association's chief, Donald Fehr, who last month told players they had to "consider a work stoppage late this season," addressed the situation Monday, a week after receiving a letter from Richard Ravitch, his counterpart with the clubs. In the letter, Ravitch pledged that if the players did not strike, the owners would not change

the signing rules this winter or lock out players at any time next year. Fehr said the players opposed the expanded playoffs that the clubs have approved — which are based on four teams from two divisions in each league — but would consider a plan based on each league having three divisions. An extra round of playoffs re

quires the union's approv Fehr suggested that the two sides should promptly begin talks about the expanded playoffs. Ravitch said that he had not

heard of Fehr's comments and that he did not know what Fehr meant by a binding agreement. 'He'd have to explain that to

me," Ravitch said by telephone from New York. Nevertheless, lawyers from both sides have been talking to get the

clarificiation the union wants. Besides wanting an additional round of playoffs, the owners have indicated they want to realign into three divisions. But the opposition of some clubs to the divisions in which they would be has held up approval of the format for 1994.



Nelson Prouty slid home ahead of the throw to Saipan's Len Wayne Maratita to get a run for Kaiserslautera, a first for Europe.

The Little League's Smaller Series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania - When the team from Kaiserslautern, Germany, beat Saipan it may have marked the end of Asia's dominance of the Little League World Series. Kaiserslautern's 7-3 victory, by a team made of children of U.S. military personnel, was the first for a European team over a Far Eastern team since at least 1970 — the Little League does not keep detailed records of its tournaments — but the last four foreign

teams to win World Series titles weren't in the tournament that began Monday night Taiwan, which has won 15 titles, was found ineligible, along with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and the Dominican Republic. When leagues were set up in the Far East, Little League allowed the countries to use school districts as borders. As the districts enlarged, so did the pool of eligible athletes. In rules made effective this year, Little League limited district size.

That cost Taiwan its berth because the winning team wasn't in compliance. China, Japan and South Korea also finished ahead of Saipan, but Little League hasn't said why they were disqualified.

The Dominican Republic was barred for having over-age players and violating district limits — the same charges that cost the Philippines its championship last year.

Japan All-Stars to Play In Europe in September

TOKYO — A Japanese high school all-star team, on a first such visit to Europe, is to play seven games in the Netherlands and France

The all-stars leave for Amsterdam next Monday to play a Dutch youth team at Apel-doorn on Sept. 2, then Selektie Kinheim at Haarlem on Sept. 3, a Robur '58 Interregion team at Apeldoorn on Sept. 4, and Selektic Oost Netherland and Selektic Robur '58 at Apeldoom on Sept. 5.

The Japanese then go to Paris on Sept. 6 to play two games with a French national team.

Yanks Pull Even (Again) With Blue Jays in East

Maybe Tuesday will have been the day the New York Yankees took sole possession of first place in the American League East.
The Yankees, who have made a

habit of catching the Toronto Blue game - and Tim Raines before Jays, although they have not yet been able to pass them, again pulled even in the standings by winning 6-5, in a 10-inning game in Chicago on Monday night while the Blue Jays were losing a wild one to the Cleveland Indians.

"It beats not being tied for first," said the Yankee manager, Buck Showalter, whose team has been tied for first with the Blue Jays seven times in the last 25 days, but has never led outright. Chicago retained its four-game

lead over Kansas City in the AL West as the Royals lost to Minnewest as the koyals kest to Minne-sota in 10 innings. Texas closed to 4½ games by drubbing Baltimore. The Yankees-White Sox game lasted until almost 2:30 A.M. because of two lengthy rain delays. New York went ahead in the top

of the 10th when Scott Radinsky's throwing error allowed two runs to

and it proved to be a crucial one. After a 53-minute rain delay, Steve Farr allowed back-to-back homers to Frank Thomas - his 35th of the year and second of the

AL ROUNDUP

getting the last out for his 25th

ing." Thomas said. "It was rai too hard. I understand the umpires are trying to get these important games in, but we shouldn't have been out there.

The White Sox played without their third baseman Robin Ventura, who dropped his appeal and began a two-game suspens fighting with Nolan Ryan.

Indians 9, Bine Jays 8: In Toronto, Joe Carter's three homers were not enough to beat Cleveland. Carter's fifth three-homer game

in the majors left him one shy of Johnny Mize's record, but Sandy throwing error allowed two runs to
score. Pat Kelly scored New York's
broke a 7-7 tie in the eighth inning.

one-run game for the Royals ended up as a loss when Kirby Puckett's sacrifice fly to right-center off the AL saves leader, Jeff Montgomery, scoring Pat Meares with the win-

ning run in Kansas City.
The Royals are 34-20 in one-run games. The Twins had lost six straight.

Rangers 13, Orioles 6: Dean Palmer and Mario Diaz both homered and drove in four runs, and Texas used a nine-run second against Fernando Valenzuela to lock up the game early in Balti-

Palmer is 10-for-21 with four homers and 12 RBIs in his last five games. The Rangers, who have homered in nine straight games, got 26 extra-base hits and scored 34 runs in the four-game series.

Tigers 9, Athletics 9: Mike Moore pitched his second one-hit-ter in a month, facing only 28 bat-ters in Detroit, while Mickey Tettleton homered and drove in four runs against Oakland.

Moore retired every batter he faced until Scott Lydy lined a clean

Braves Defeat the Giants

The Atlanta Braves came to San Francisco needing to sweep the Giants in their three-game series to create a real pennant race in the National League West, Steve Avery and Jeff Blauser kept that possibili-

Despite giving up a two-run homer to Robby Thompson, Avery beat the Giants for the third time this season and Blanser went 3-for-5 with two doubles and a home run as the Braves won, 5-3, to close the

gap to 6½ games. The left-handed Avery, who allowed three runs on eight hits, walked two and struck out four in his second complete game of the season, also doubled in a run. "Avery treated this game like a World Series game," said the

Braves' manager, Bobby Cox. The Braves, who have the best road record in the majors at 42-24, staked Avery to a 3-0 lead in the second off Trevor Wilson, who left the game after four innings with a re shoulder.

In front of a sellout crowd, Terry Pendleton singled with one out in the second, David Justice walked and Damon Berryhill scored Pendicton with a bloop single.

Atlanta made it 40 in the fifth Rockies 3, Phillies 2: Dante Bi- by a pitcher at .406.

when Ron Gant's single scored Blauser, who had doubled. The Giants, who had three hits through the first four innings, finally came to life in the fifth. Royce Clayton doubled, went to third on Kirt Manwaring's single and scored ou Steve Scarsone's pinch-hit sacrifice fly. After Willie McGee struck out, Thompson hit

NL ROUNDUP his 15th homer - and fifth in six games - to cut Atlanta's lead to 4-

But Avery just got stronger, retiring the last 11 batters. "Avery threw a great game to-day, and it was really just a matter of too much Blauser today," said the Giants' manager, Dusty Baker, "We couldn't get Blauser out."

Tuesday after he was diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection. Sanders had been in Atlanta undergoing medical tests for fits of coughing and shortness of breath. The team's doctor, David Watson, said Monday that physicians did not believe the symptoms were re-

The Braves put outfielder Deion

Sanders on the 15-day disabled list

lated to his heart. Sanders had missed five straight starts before returning to Atlanta

chette's homer in the 13th beat Philadelphia and gave host Colorado its fifth straight victory.

Padres 7, Cardinals 5: Phil Plantier bit his first grand slam in the majors in a five-run first against St. Louis as San Diego ended a season-high seven-game losing streak. The Cardinals lost a fourth straight. Reds 6, Mets 2: Dwight Gooden was ejected in the third inning for

hitting Brian Koelling with a pitch, and Cincinnati went on to win in New York as Reggie Sanders, who homered in the second off Gooden, also hit a two-run single and a sac-rifice fly for four RBIs, Expos 1, Cabs 0: Kirk Rueter, s

rookie who ran his record to 4-0, started a triple play and Montreal supported him with two double plays against visiting Chicago. Tim Spelar singled in the only run in the second. Dodgers 6, Pirates 1: Tim Wal-

lach's three-run double highlighted a five-run third that began with Orel Hershiser's bunt single as the right-hander ended a three-game losing streak and host Los Angeles won its fifth straight game.

Hershiser got another single in the fifth for his 24th hit of the season, lifting his batting average to 421. John Bentley of the 1923 New York Giants set the NL re-

SIDELINES

Broncos Get All-Pro Zimmerman

DENVER - The Denver Broncos, in one of the team's biggest trades since acquiring quarterback John Elway in 1983, got four-time All-Pro
tackle Gary Zimmerman from the Minnesota Vikings in exchange for a first- and sixth-round pick in 1994 and a second-round pick in 1995. In what the teams called a separate transaction, Denver also sent receiver Vance Johnson to the Vikings for a seventh-round 1994 draft pick, contingent on Johnson making the club.

For the Record

Laurent Fignon of France, twice winner of the Tour de France, said he was retiring and would not compete in Sunday's individual road race at

the world championships in Norway. (Reuters)
The NHL commissioner, Gary Bettman, calling the matter "sufficiently serious," said the league will investigate charges that the Ottawa "draft pick.

Gunnell, Jackson Will Compete in St. Petersburg

ATLANTA - World recordbreakers Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson will run in next year's Goodwill Games, organizers said

The British hurdlers, gold medal winners at the World Athletics Championships last week in Sutt-gart, joined the United States' nine track and field Olympic champions from Barcelona as early acceptors.

About 2,000 athletes from more than 50 countries are expected at (AP) sia, starting in July.

Asian Olympic Chief Backs Beijing's Bid for Games

TAIPEI — The president of the Olympic Council of Asia called Tnesday for members of his organization to back Beijing's bid to host the 2000 Olympics, Taiwan's semi-official Central News Agency reported. Sheik Ahmad al Fahad al Sabah, head of the 42-member OCA, asked all council members to write letters in support of Beijing's bid to the International Olympic Committee.

The OCA's executive bureau was meeting in Taipei to discuss prepara-tions for the Asian Games in 1994 and 1998. It decided in principle to establish a sports training center in Asia to improve the standard of the region's athletes, the agency reported.

The Taipei meeting was attended by He Zhenliang, head of the Chinese Olympic Committee. He is the most senior sports official from China to sit Taiwan since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949.

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Degrees of Curiosity

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Americans have always been of two minds about curiosity. On one hand, children were warned against it. Curiosity killed the cat, didn't it? On the other hand, curiosity was also at the heart of all science.

therefore to be treasured. Which brings us to Heidi Fleiss and Joe McGinniss, this summer's most popular scandalizers of the bourgeoisie. Their separate and quite different cases shine fresh light on the curious American attitude toward curiosity.

Fleiss traffics in the flesb marker McGinniss, in the present instance at least, traffics in Kennedys. Sex and Kennedys: Are there two other subjects about which Americans are more curious?

Fleiss and McGinniss are dealers in industrial-size catnip for the vast human market that gorges on Sunday-night docudramas, grocery tabloids, big-budget movies and gossip-dispensing magazines, both print and electronic.

And what does a curious nation want to know? In the Fleiss matter, it appears, it wants very specific of the informatioo. It is information that may not bring fresh advances in science, to be sure. Still, it is information as precise in its way as the fact that at sea level water freezes at a temperature of 32 degrees Fahrics are assuming that Americans enheit (zero centigrade).

rich and famous entertainers know, as precisely as it's possible to availed themselves of sexual part- establish, "what really happened." ners provided by Fleiss's prostitu-

centage of rubes who are amazed pened," becomes just another on by the news that sex is a marketable that mammoth mountain of books, commodity in southern California. magazine articles, movies, docu-Most Americans, however, know what goes on in this corrupt old counterreports, trials, leaks and world, even in southern California. whispers under which is buried all These people hunger for more than plausible hope of discovering trifling disclosures that prostitu-tion thrives in Hollywood. They want to know which of their heroes - it is presumed the customers were all male - used Fleiss's business and what ruin awaits them.

This is curiosity in its purest form. In contrast, curiosity about the Kennedys is anything but demanding. It scarcely even seems like curiosity anymore. Indeed,

how could it? The Kennedys have been turned into a tale that no longer has any but the loosest grounding in fact or history.

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The Kennedys" — it could be the name of a soap opera. Journalists commonly refer to them now as "mythic." meaning a family that has risen above reality and ascended into fiction. That this cerie mutation from flesh and blood to popfiction eliche is the work of film. TV and journalistic hacks illustrates how cheaply reality can be elevated to "myth" nowadays.

Well, maybe it was ever so, and Homer should now be revered as "the father of media." Soap opera, novel or myth, it doesn't matter: When we abandon reality we become an audience, and people out to hold an audience don't fret much about getting their

history and science right. Audiences want entertainment, not instruction in how to freeze water. McGinniss's book about Senator Edward Kennedy, "The Last Brother," is much abused by reviewers and historians, partly for not crediting its debt to William Manchester's
"The Death of a President," partly for purporting to know the interior senator's mind, partly for

turning history into fiction.

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Doubtless there is the usual pereffort to find out "what really hapdramas, gossip columns, reports,

what really bappened. This mountain was built to gratify the country's insatiable hunger for Kennedy entertainments, Real curiosity about the Kennedys has probably withered almost completely away. What is left is simple appetite for more and more swell stories about that "mythic" family. That's a lot different from wanting to know precisely who called on Fleiss.

New York Times Service

Is Hollywood Really Ready for John Woo? At that time I felt that, if I could make a real movie some day, it would be terrific." Consuming film theory books stolen By Desson Howe

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — This shy little guy
wearing the white polyester shirt and the cheap slacks and the kind of necktie you can pick up for nothing — this is John Woo? This is the creator of ultraviolent, rhapsodie gangster odes to Sam Peckinpah and Martin Scorsese? Shouldn't he be more like his movie characters: submerged in the shadows, black eyes flickering behind reflector glasses, hair glinting with brilliantine, a smoldering cigarette glued to his lips? Shouldn't there be a cocked gun on the hotel bed?

Actually, Woo, on a promotion tour for his new film "Hard Target," looks less like a gangster than like someone fighting for a seat oo a crowded bus. From his appearance, it's hard to believe that this softspoken 46-year-old man just directed action star Jean-Claude Van Damme in "Hard Target," a \$20 million thriller for Universal that marks his Hollywood debut. .

"Very exciting and, uh, nervous," he says, describing his experience of making the movie and his emotional state over its U.S. opening. (It grossed \$10 million on its first weekend.) His English is understandable but hardly adroit - which makes you wonder how he coped with Belgian actor Van Damme, who was required to drawl in a thick Louisiana accent

Woo's style, particularly as exercised in 989's "The Killer" and last year's "Hard Boiled," has attracted intense praise from such directors as Scorsese and Walter Hill. He's popular with the critical establishment too. Village Voice critic J. Hoberman described "The Killer" as " "Magnificent Obsession remade by Sam Peckinpah. Woo is a powerful cult figure in art houses hipper video stores. Along with Chow Yun Fat (Woo's regular leading man), Jackie Chan, Tsui Hark and other Hong Koog movie personalities, Woo is revered in U.S. Asian communities.

To mainstream audiences, however, he's still John Who? Presumably, "Hard Target" will change that. Woo admits the project was "not my ideal film." but it will introduce him to America, it will prove he can work in Hollywood, and it will free him up for better things.

Or at least that's what the director, who recently left Hong Kong's uncertain politi-cal future to settle in Los Angeles with his family, is banking on.

But first, he'll have to learn how to beat the taste police. The Motion Picture Association of America ratings board slapped The Killer" with an X rating in 1989, when it was first released (it was later edited down to an R for video). And "Hard Target" went before the board seven times before receiving the coveted R.



John Woo, right, directing Jean-Claude Van Damme in "Hard Target."

For Woo, it was "a terrible experience." This is my first American movie and I didn't want to give people a bad impression. So I did tone it down a little bit and I shot very carefully. But they still thought it was too violent. But they didn't tell me which part, or which shot, was too violent. So we cut it by guessing."

Jacks says he tried to explain the ratings system to Woo in advance, with little success. "John's very passive-aggressive," he says. "He'll sit there and nod and make you think you won your point. And the next thing you know, be's shooting exactly what he wants. I had clashes with John about the budget, the time it would take to shoot and the level of violence." Jacks adds that as soon as he left the set, "John would shoot a whole lot more blood."

Stylistic excess, in violent dollops, is Woo's speciality. The body count in his Hong Kong films easily outnumber those in movies like "Die Hard" by 3 to 1. "Hard Boiled," featuring Chow Yun Fat and Tony Leung, is a masterfully choreographed vioience ballet of slow motion, freneticism and bizarre humor - the kind of movie in which characters gun down innocent bystanders just to clear the decks before taking a shot at their opponents. Life isn't just cheap; It's in the way, But if people die by the near hundreds, they do it with the grace of a Baryshnikov. Exit wounds were never this cinematically gorgeous.

Yet Woo, who tells of a poverty-strick-

en, Dickensian childhood in a Hong Kong sium full of prostitutes, gangsters and drug dealers, says he abbors violence. "That's why I like to put a strong character who
can use a stronger force to beat down
crime and evil. I always want to remind the people what we have lost, and what we have to get back, like dignity.

honor and loyalty."

Born Wu Yusen in China's Guangdong
province, Woo was still an infant when his family, fearful of a Communist victory, fled to Hong Kong. But even in the midst of their new-found poverty, Woo's father who had been a scholar in China -insisted oo teaching his son philosophy, Chinese culture and the Bible. In fact, Woo says, he seriously considered becoming a minister—until the movies stole his soul. While his father languished with tuberculosis for a decade in a hospital, his mother took Woo to Gregory Peck and Humphrey Bogart movies. Then Woo began to duck out of school and into the theaters (children were allowed in for free). And when he wasn't watching movies, he was creating them at

"I got a piece of glass and put on some color, or drew some image, on it. Then I would pull a blanket over myself, in the dark, and I would use a torch, shining through the glass, to project the image on the wall. For example I'd draw a cowboy on the glass. Then I moved the glass a bitle bit, or moved the torch a little bit. The image would move . . . just like in the movies.

from bookstores, experimenting with Super-8 and 16mm movies, and studying the films of François Truffaut, Federico Fellini, Arthur Penn and Sam Peckinpah. Woo turned ambition into reality. He joined the Cathay Film Studio as a production assistant in 1969, then worked for the famous Shaw Brothers studio in Hong Kong, where he was assistant director to Chang Khe, a pioneer filmmaker of kung fu and period films.

"Unfortunately, the Shaw Brothers" films were all the same type," says Woo.
"All the same sets, all the same stories like a match factory, like they were making a product"

So with the help of a business friend, Woo broke out and, in 1973, made his first film, a low-budget effort called The Young Dragons." It was promptly banned for being too violent. But Golden Harvest, another big Hong Kong studio, recognized Woo's talents: If offered to recut "Dragons" and give Woo steady work thereafter. The recut version was a flop, Woo says. but he made a highly successful comedy for Golden Harvest called "Money Cra-zy," Unfortunately, Golden Harvest want-ed only comedies from Woo.

Then Hsui Hark, a successful filmmaker whom Woo had helped in his own career, offered to produce and co-script Woo's offered to produce and co-script Woo's next project. Called, appropriately, "A Better Tomorrow," the film broke every box office record in Hong Kong. Woo was back on top — better, even, than before. "It was my turning point," he says.

After parting amicably with Hark, then teaming up with producer and business associate Terence Chang, Woo began making the films that would earn his cult reputation abroad including "The Killet." "Bul-

tation abroad, including "The Killer," "Bullet in the Head" in 1990 and "Hard Boiled."

Now that Woo has landed in America, he again faces affronts to creativity. The Hollywood studios are, after all, merely higher forms of matchstick factories. Although Woo says he is happy with his experience at Universal, he admits he "couldn't get used to the system. So many people were involved in the project -- just too much politics and too many games and too many meetings. It frustrates me. I just feel we have been wasting a lot of time and energy and always not enough time to

concentrate on the work."

But only time will tell whether Woo can satisfy the studios, the mainstream audiences and his conscience. The Van Damme movie shows flashes of Woo, but it's essentially studio business as usual. The post-"Hard Target" question is: Will Hollywood engulf yet another artist in mediccrity, or let Woo be Woo?

PEOPLE

What They're Reading On Martha's Vineyard

Who's reading what on the First Vacation? Bill and Hillary Rodhau Clinton went shopping in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and came back with a batch of books. Among the haul: "Where is Joe Merchant by Jimmy Baffett, "Saint Maybe," by Anne Tyler, "Catcher in the Rye," J. D. Salinger, "The Book of whiter and Forgetting." Kundera: "Morraine to Marsh," Anne Hale, and "Time and the Art of Living." Robert Grudin. No one said which ones were for Chelsea.

As Woody Alien's "Manhattan Murder Mystery" failed to break into the top-10 box-office leaders on its first weekend in the United States, the director was in Paris for business and pleasure. He and his griffriend, Soon-Yi Previn, are vacationing in France, and Allen also took the opportunity to promote the movie, which opens there in October. Allen had been in Ireland visiting his son, Satchel, one of the children at the center of a dispute between Allen and Mia Farrow, Previn's adoptive mother. Farrow is shooting a film in Ireland

Princess Diana left Kensington Palace behind on Tuesday for a vacation with her sons. Willia and Harry, 8, in the Magic King-dom of Disney World in Florida.

More he said-she said: Burt Revnolds says he caught his estranged wile, Loui Anderson, with other men. In an interview for ABCs "Good Morning America: Evening Edition," Reynolds said he had been very unhappy for the last three years of their four-year marriage. He has disclosed that he has been involved with another woman, Pam Seals, for two years. But he challenged Anderson to a truth-serum test about how many affairs each had while they were married.

The Italian director Franco Zeffirell and the German director Wim Wenders will head the jurors for the main prizes at the Tokyo International Film Festival next month.

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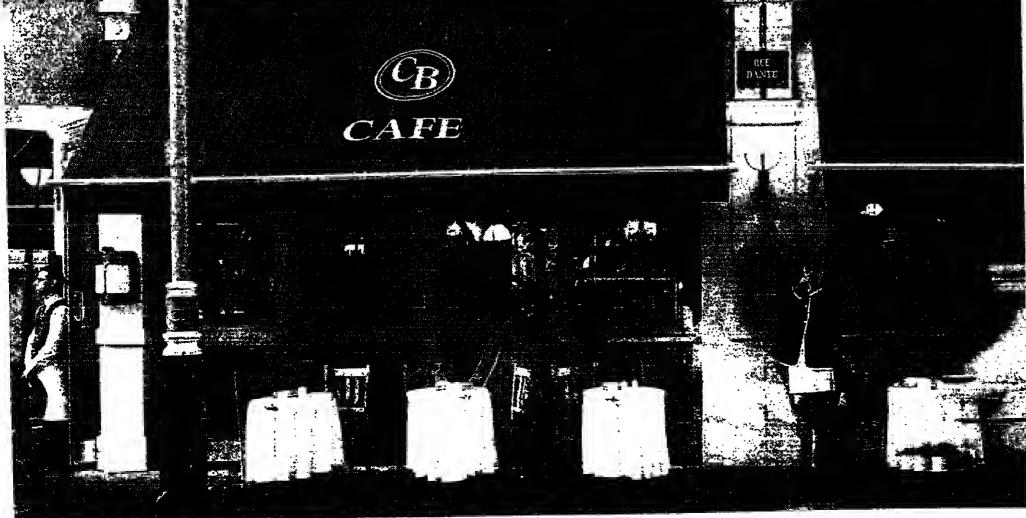
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